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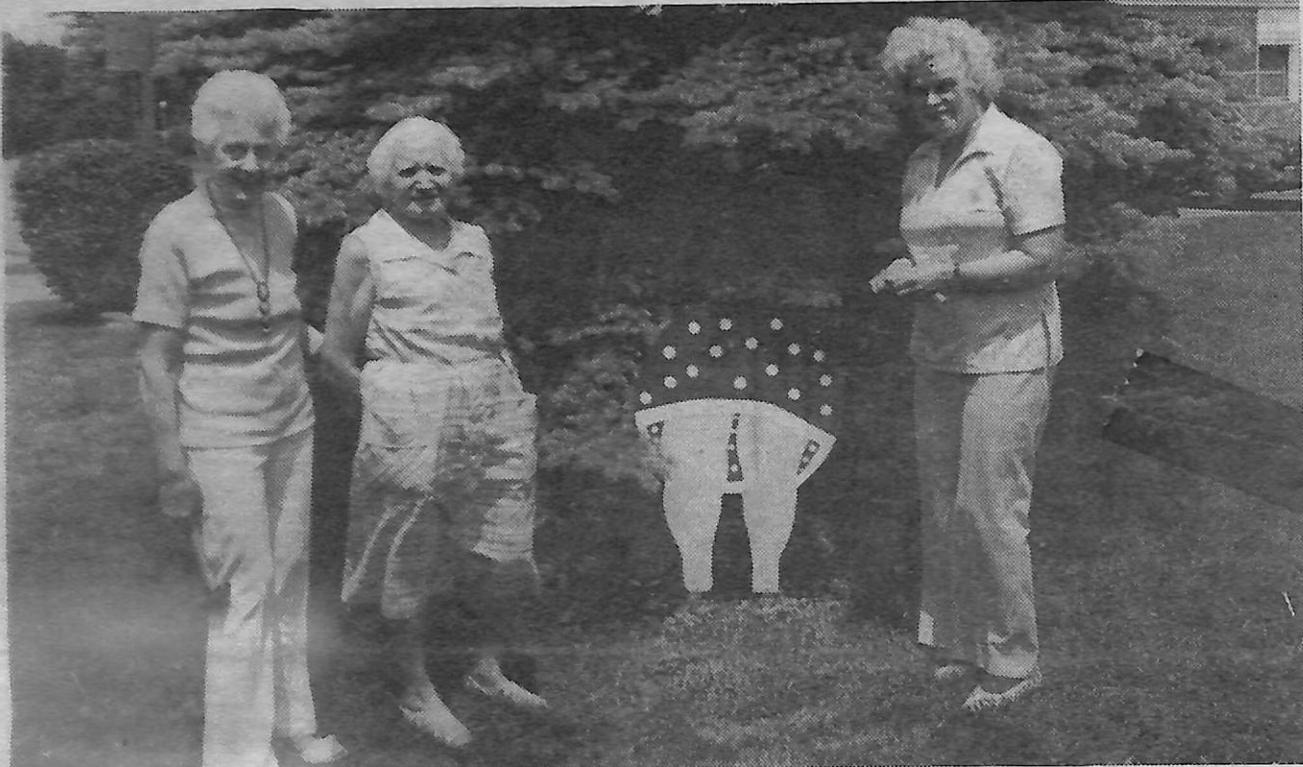
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## Agawam Senior Center's "Lady In The Tree"



OVER AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER, this wooden backside of "The Lady In The Tree" is a favorite item of conversation for Meadowbrook Manor residents and for visitors to the area. Pictured with their new "friend" are, from left - Dorothy Phillips, Antonia Veronesi, and Mary A. Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

## 18 Council Candidates, 5 School Solicit Nomination Papers

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Eighteen Town Council candidates and five School Committee candidates have taken nomination papers for this fall's town election.

Among the town offices to be voted on include two town council seats from each of the town's six precincts, three council seats to be elected town-wide, and seven School Committee seats.

Precinct 1 incumbent Councilors Mario DeLucchi and Frederick Nardi have taken out nomination papers with speculation they will face little, if any opposition in their re-election bids.

Precinct 2 incumbent Councilors Daniel Lacienski and Dorothy Nelson have also taken out papers, while substantial speculation has arisen that they will face opposition from one veteran politician and one political newcomer in their precinct race.

Precinct 3 Councilor Jack Shaughnessy has taken out nomination papers, while fellow Precinct 3 Councilor and Town Council President Donald Rheault has not. While Rheault and Shaughnessy ran unopposed in the 1983 elections, reports indicate they will face opposition this time out.

Neither incumbent Councilor Neil Blatt nor Paul Trimboli have taken out nomination papers from Precinct 4, while former Councilor Alfred Serra and resident Anthony Saracino have taken papers for the precinct race.

Precinct 5 Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos, who earlier stated he would not seek re-election, has recently indicated he is undecided, but he has not yet taken out nomination papers.

Fellow Precinct 5 incumbent, Councilor Phillip

DeForge, has taken out nomination papers, in addition to former Councilor At-Large Stephen Cincotta, former Councilor At-Large Valentine Moreno, and present Councilor At-Large Andrew Gallano. Both Gallano and Moreno have also taken out papers for the at-large council race.

Precinct 6 incumbent Councilors Peter Longo and Alfred Trehey have taken out nomination papers, and are facing a challenge from former Precinct 6 and At-Large Councilor Benjamin Lockhart.

Longo, Lockhart, and Trehey ran against each other in the 1983 council race with less than a ten vote spread among them.

At-Large Councilors Edward Borgatti and Gallano have taken nomination papers for re-election, while incumbent Councilor At-Large Thomas Locke has not.

Challengers in the at-large race with nomination papers include political newcomer Dario Mercadante, former Selectman Raymond Charest, Moreno, and former Precinct 3 candidate David Skolnik.

Former Town Manager Edward Caba will also reportedly seek one of the three at-large council seats, but has not yet taken out nomination papers.

Incumbent School Committee members Rosemary Sandlin, Walter Balboni, Jessie Fuller, John Walsh, and Roberta Doering have taken out nomination papers for re-election, while incumbent members Bernadette Conte and Raymond Saracino have not.

So far, no new challengers to the present School Committee members have surfaced.

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## Federal Agents Enter Agawam Drug Case

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Federal Agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency have been brought into District Attorney Matthew Ryan's investigation to determine the origins of 235 pounds of Thai stick confiscated in a July 1st raid by Agawam Police and Detectives.

The raid on the 69 Ottawa Street home of Harold Gaffney III, a DPW employee, has resulted in three arrests so far, and confiscation of Thai stick valued at \$685,000.

Harold and Jane Gaffney pleaded innocent to charges of trafficking, possession, conspiracy to traffic, and conspiracy to distribute drugs in Hampden County Superior Court on July 9th. Gaffney is presently being held in Springfield in lieu of \$100,000 bail, while Mrs. Gaffney was released on her own recognizance.

Jacques Beaulieu, another DPW employee, also pleaded innocent to charges after turning himself into local authorities following an interrogation by Agawam police.

Beaulieu surrendered seven pounds of Thai stick worth approximately \$19,000.

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## New Extrication Equip.



THE LATEST IN EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT: The Med-Spec XP-One has been donated to the Agawam Fire Department Ambulance Service by the Agawam Firefighters Local 1973. The device will be used for extrication in auto accidents when immobilization is necessary to prevent further injury. Funds from the annual firefighters' show were used to purchase the device. In photo, from left - Chief Rusty Jenks, Lt./EMT David Pisano, association President Karl Schmaelzle, and union President Ken Blair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Planning Office Seeks Housing Grant

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

The Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development today announced plans to seek \$330,000 for a town-wide housing rehabilitation program and establishment of a community center for veterans.

Town Planner Deborah Dachos commented that if her office is successful in securing the funds, \$200,000 will be used to rehabilitate approximately 50 units of housing.

## Town-Wide Rehabilitation

Ms. Dachos noted an earlier housing rehabilitation program was tied to a geographical area of North Agawam, but that plans for the proposed program would allow subsidized housing rehabilitation to be done town-wide, on an income eligibility basis geared toward the elderly and single headed households.

Grant funds through the state would be used to address building code violations of residential property, such as leaking or sagging roofs, antiquated heating systems or electrical wiring, foundation fractures, and even doors and windows which are not functioning properly.

Though new guidelines for residential eligibility to the funds are not firmly established, Ms. Dachos estimated a family of one would receive 50 percent reimbursement for building improvements if the family income was \$14,750, and up to a 100 percent reimbursement of an income of \$7,375.

Ms. Dachos further estimated a family of four would be eligible for 50 percent reimbursement with earnings of \$21,050, and up to 100 percent reimbursement with earnings of \$10,050.

While Ms. Dachos said funds could be used for paint and clapboard improvements, no funds would be used

for "strictly" cosmetic repairs, but to correct building code violations.

The town planner expects to hold a public hearing on the grant purposes and restrictions for the benefit of interested homeowners in early August.

If the town is successful in receiving the grant, a part-time secretary, a part-time rehabilitation specialist and inspector, and a full-time director will be employed as administrative personnel.

The second portion of the grant application seeks \$130,000 to construct a 3,000 square foot community room for veterans.

## Community Room For Brady Village

Plans call for the community room to be housed in a separate structure behind the Brady Village Apartments in Feeding Hills.

The community room is expected to include kitchen and bathroom facilities, in addition to a general meeting hall.

Agawam Housing Authority Director Phyllis Mason commented another seven, three-bedroom housing units for veterans are planned for an adjacent site, but that present structures offer no community room.

"When Brady Village was originally built, community rooms were not offered in the housing funds," said Mrs. Mason. "But, today, the state is encouraging veterans' tenant organizations and the use of community rooms."

The Agawam Town Council is expected to authorize the grant application at its August 5th meeting. The deadline for submission of the grant application is August 9th.

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## FEDS INVOLVED - From Page 1...

### Suspended From DPW Jobs

Town Manager Reid Charles has suspended Gaffney and Beaulieu from their positions in the engineering division of the Agawam Department of Public Works until July 25th. Charles said further legal action concerning the suspects' employment would be taken as warranted.

Agawam Detective Sergeant Richard Light said police plan to interrogate at least two additional town hall employees, but that no further arrests are expected.

Light added the principal purpose of the present investigation, now spanning at least three states, will be to determine individuals involved with supplying Gaffney with the drugs.

Light also reported that the State Office of Public Safety has upgraded the rating of the Thai stick from a Class D to a Class C substance.

Marijuana is traditionally rated Class D, but Light reported the THC, the active ingredient of marijuana, was so high in the confiscated Thai stick that the state applied a Class C rating, which is usually reserved for hashish.

Though the Department of Public Safety completed a report of its analysis of the Thai stick on July 12th, local police and the District Attorney have reported they are not in possession of the report.

Thai stick is traditionally a very high grade marijuana that is laced with opium.

### "Most Professional Packing Job"

Ryan said he could not comment whether the Thai stick confiscated from Gaffney was laced with opium until he receives the state report, but did comment, "The packaging job on this Thai stick was probably the most professional that has ever come through this office."

The Thai stick was confiscated in 33 seven pound heat sealed plastic bags.

Drug traffickers use this packaging method to prevent damage in overseas transport.

Agawam Detective Allan Collins said he believes the Thai stick had its origins in Southeast Asia.

Light also commented one additional arrest is expected from out of town.

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## Large Crowd Turns-Out For Chamber Outing

Several hundred businessmen and women throughout the area attended the annual summer outing of the Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Wednesday, July 17th, at Riverside Park in Agawam.

According to General Chairman Stephen M. Corbett of Mercy Hospital, the event will feature a New Orleans Mardi Gras theme with a variety of entertainment and sports events to be held throughout the afternoon and evening.

Participants will include members, employees, and guests of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and its affiliated chambers in Agawam, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, and West Springfield.

Softball competition among participating members will be held during the afternoon with the champion-

### NOMINATION - From Page 1...

Some speculation has arisen that certain candidates for public office may be in receipt of nomination papers without having received the papers through the town hall for this fall's elections.

Town Clerk Richard Theroux, who verifies the signatures and nomination papers, said his office will not accept nomination papers unless "Town of Agawam Preliminary Election" is printed across the top.

While Theroux conceded legitimate nomination

ship game held at 3:45 p.m.

Both afternoon and evening buffets will be available to outing goers, and special high-value prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Assisting with arrangements for the outing are: Co-chairman Jack E. Briggs, New England Telephone Company; Joan M. Ackerman, Bank of New England-West; Gary Briggs, Park West Bank & Trust Company; James Brown, Control Environment; William Bunce, Springfield Marriott Hotel; and Cameron Daly, Sheraton Inn—Springfield West.

Also, Margaret C. McNeil, Riverdale Gardens Health Center; Nancy Miller, CLU, Prudential Insurance Company; Constance Minnie, Turnpike Package Store; Linda Laton, Kelly Services; Dr. Katherine Schlaffer, Chiropractor; and Sr. Mary T. Shea, Elms College.

Papers unused from past elections would have to be accepted if they contained the proper heading. Theroux countered that papers without the proper heading, or obtained through other offices, would not be accepted.

In the event over four candidates seek election to the council through any one precinct, or if over six candidates seek council seats in the at-large race, the town will conduct a preliminary run off to narrow the field on October 8th.

The regular town election is scheduled for November 5th.

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Public Library  
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**Thursday, July 18th  
Board of Appeals  
Town Hall Annex  
7:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, July 25th  
Board of Appeals  
Town Hall Annex  
7:00 P.M.**

**Monday, August 5th  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
8:00 P.M.**

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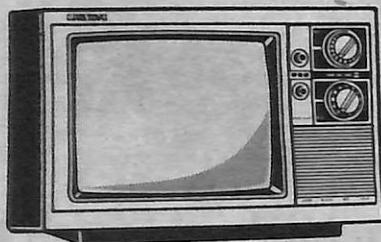
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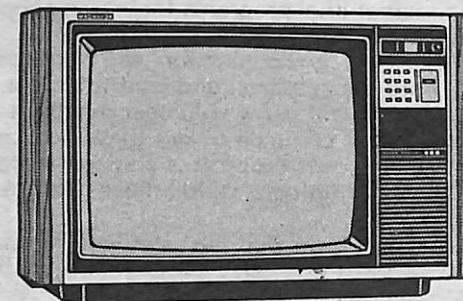
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### *Summer Clearance Sale*

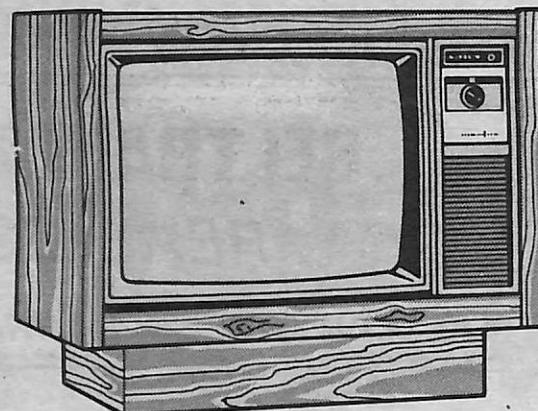
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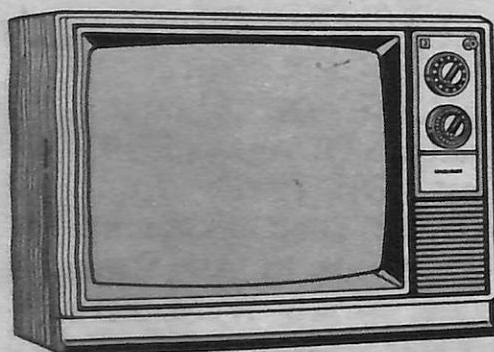


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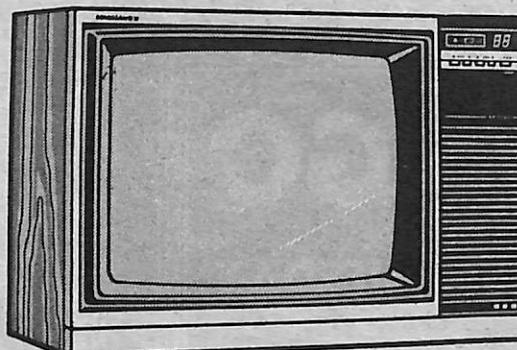


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## Melconian Says Bill Helps Charities Org., Keeps Outsiders 'Out'

State Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) announced today Senate adoption of a bill which will benefit churches, ethnic and social clubs, and weekend festivals held annually throughout the greater Springfield area.

Senator Melconian, prime sponsor and Senate mover of the bill, which was also co-sponsored by Senators John P. Burke and Martin D. Reilly, pointed out that the bill accomplishes two specific goals.

First, it preserves the three day weekend festivals, bazaars and secondly, it protects citizens and members of the organization that sponsor these weekend festivals from outside and undesirable promoters of games of chance.

This legislation was necessary because guidelines promulgated two years ago by the state attorney general's office and state lottery commission restricted these organizations from holding more than two consecutive day bazaars, totaling ten hours during any calendar year.

These regulations created strong opposition by many western Massachusetts churches and civic organizations, which hold weekend or three day long festival events.

These organizations, which also include veterans, social and service clubs, and religious and ethnic societies, sponsor these weekend festivals as an opportunity to raise money for community or neighborhood activities, and recreational programs for young people as well as the elderly.

They are often run in conjunction with arts and crafts booths, food concessions, and entertainment.

In addition, the bill will allow volunteer members of these organizations to continue to run these bazaars. The bill will prevent outside professional promoters from having any opportunity to exploit these charitable activities.

Senator Melconian indicated that she was pleased with the Senate's swift passage of this important bill for western Massachusetts.

"I have been working very closely with Chairman Thomas Norton of the Government Regulations Committee, my Senate colleagues from the area, Attorney General Francis Bellotti, and the State Lottery Commission. All have been very cooperative and very understanding of the problem in recognizing the need to clarify these regulations as they affect weekend-long festivals," said Senator Melconian.

This legislation will have a beneficial impact upon many weekend festivals in the Senator's district. Specifically, Immaculate Conception Church in West Springfield, Winchester Square's Harambee Festival, Mount Carmel Society in the South End, North End Hispanic Fair, and St. Anthony's Parish in Agawam.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD**  
The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 1, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing, will be to hear the petition of Connor Builders, Inc., for a Definitive Plan, on Riverview Estates, 449 River Road, land containing approximately 111 plus acres.

**BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD**  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
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## Agawam Residents Can Apply For County Grants

by Stuart Parker  
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam residents are eligible to participate in a Hampden County program allowing subsidies for heating, air conditioning, and housing improvements related to improved energy efficiency.

The amount of most subsidies is contingent upon family size and earnings, but liberal program guidelines permit participation of a family of four earning up to \$40,500, and single person earning up to \$28,313.

Grant guidelines also allow participation of multi-family units and place no income restrictions on owners of apartment projects with five or more units.

The program requires a loan be made for the improvements, with subsidies available for both principal and interest payments.

Program Directors Roger Harris and Marion McCarthy expressed hopes the program will allow energy-related housing improvements where property owners would otherwise not be able to afford them.

Harris went on to note the program allows for weather stripping, furnace improvements, thermostat timers, ceiling, wall, floor, and duct insulation, water heater improvements, and storm doors and windows.

The program also allows funding for central air conditioning, heat pumps, and solar hot water systems. \$66,500 remains available for principal payment subsidies, and \$21,300 remains available for interest payment subsidies. The present program will continue through the end of October.

However, Harris said he encourages interested residents to contact the Hampden County Office of Energy and Management considerably earlier to allow for an energy audit of homes and apartments.

Harris also said his office, on the third floor of the Hampden County Hall of Justice, is open to counsel the public on the best use of available programs and may be contacted at 781-8100, extension 2322.

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## Obituaries

### Quinto A. Cimma

Agawam: Quinto A. "Andy" Cimma, 61, of 278 South Street, a 20-year teacher at Chicopee Vocational High School, died Saturday, July 13th, in a local nursing home.

He had worked for Standard Electric Time Inc. in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield for 31 years and here 30 years. He attended West Springfield schools, and was a graduate of Fitchburg State College.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 and St. John the Evangelist Church.

His wife, the former Theresa Feeney, died in 1980.

He leaves two sons, Richard C. of Rensselaer, New York, and David A. of Belchertown; a daughter, Carol A. Swiconek of Longmeadow; a brother, Elso of Agawam; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

### Edna R. Fields

Agawam: Edna R. (French) Fields, 72, of 1 Meadowbrook Manor, died Saturday, July 13th, in Western Massachusetts Hospital, Westfield. She was a retired employee of Merriam-Webster Inc. in Springfield. Born in Longmeadow, she lived here for 50 years. She was a communicant of Agawam Baptist Church, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Springfield Hobby Club, and the Disabled of Western Massachusetts. She leaves a son, Richard L. of West Springfield; three sisters, Hazel French of Agawam, Myrtle Sheppard of Westfield, and Shirley Coleman of Springfield; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral and burial were at the convenience of the family. A memorial service was conducted Saturday afternoon in the church. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

## Rep. Michael Walsh Suspends Agawam Hours For Summer

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced today that his Agawam office hours will be suspended for the summer. Office hours will resume again in September.

Anyone who wishes to meet with Representative Walsh during the summer may contact him at 786-4545.

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by Charles Alvanos  
IDS-American Exp.  
Financial Planner


**Disability Insurance And  
The Single Woman**

More and more women today are living independent, self-reliant lifestyles. The last two decades have seen an enormous growth in the number of single career women.

At the same time, many more women are now living alone while supporting one or more children. But, along with the new lifestyle, have come new risks. Perhaps, among the most important, is the risk of loss of income due to disability.

In the past, many women have, for better or worse, relied on a husband or family to provide security. But now, with more women building lives of their own, the need to protect themselves and their children against loss of income has become increasingly apparent.

Unfortunately, disability insurance is often overlooked, just when it's needed most.

**Loss Of Income A Very Real Threat**

Many single women are now reaching a point in their lives where they have managed to develop their career, set aside savings, make investments and purchase homes.

What many women don't realize is that statistically, at age 35, the chance of disability is nearly four times greater than death. Loss of income then, is a very real threat and it can mean the sudden loss of everything the single woman has tried to build.

For example, even with decent medical coverage, a car accident leading to a six month recovery can wipe out \$10,000 in savings and leave a woman many thousands of dollars in debt (and that's assuming she

can borrow the money needed to cover living expenses).

It takes little imagination to see how much more serious the problem would be with the additional expense of supporting children. If a home and mortgage payments are involved, the home could be lost as well. This kind of tragedy can and does happen when earning power is lost and no provision has been made for replacement of income.

Now, not all women need disability insurance. In some circumstances, substantial savings or other sources of income will offer protection against the risk of disability. For many women though, this is simply not the case.

Many women assume they are covered by social security, state, or company insurance. But, a close look generally finds that there is little protection at best.

Recent Social Security restrictions have, for example, noticeably limited those who qualify. State insurance is often quite limited too, and company insurance policies vary widely.

In short, without careful analysis of your financial needs and available benefits, there is no way to know if you and your dependents have adequate protection.

An individual analysis of your particular financial picture is the best way to determine how much protection you need. You can do this with the assistance of a financial planner or insurance agent.

Also, it pays to ask several people so you can have the benefit of additional points of view. But whatever you do, be sure to look into it. The well-being of your family and everything you've worked for may depend on it.

As one financial planner said to a woman client, "You have life insurance to cover yourself in case you die. But you don't have 'living' insurance to cover your life."

Disability insurance might best be called living insurance — it's crucial in protecting your life and everything you've made of it.

For a copy of a FREE Financial Planning Guidebook, or to help answer your financial planning questions, contact: Charlie Alvanos at 39 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills, or call Charlie at 781-2250.

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**NOTICE!**  
You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, August 5, 1985 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated July 9, 1985 for permission to relocate one pole in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 15th day of July, 1985.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.  
**PETITION NO. AG-1183**

**STREET** Shoemaker Lane  
Ursula Retzler  
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**PETITION NO. AG-1184**

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**PETITION NO. AG-1185**

**STREET** Shoemaker Lane  
Ursula Retzler  
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## IN THE HOUSE

By Michael P. Walsh  
State Rep. (D. Agawam)

### Tax Revaluation On State Parks Provides Big Scare

It used to be a common complaint of local government officials that cherry sheets were not provided from the state in time for the municipalities to better formulate their budgets.

In response, the state has for the last three years issued "estimated" cherry sheets, giving the locals a reference point from which to work. Usually, the estimated figures are relatively close to the final figures, except this year; there was a significant difference for 135 cities and towns on one line item.

Every five years the state reevaluates the state-owned land in each city and town. Once that value (mostly state park land) is determined, the state makes payments to the municipalities in lieu of taxes. Those payments are represented as a line item on each cherry sheet.

#### Tax Rate On Park Land Drops

This year the **good news** is that the value of state land has gone up. The **bad news**, however, is that the tax rate on that land has dropped from \$50 to \$23 per thousand under the new valuation statewide.

One can imagine how devastating such a drop can affect towns with a great deal of park land, especially smaller, rural towns.

For example, Agawam could lose between \$47,000

to \$54,000 because of the change in value to Robinson State Park. The Town of Tolland, more dramatically, could lose between \$30,000 to \$34,000 off their final cherry sheet. This would represent almost 10% of Tolland's entire budget.

Many other towns would face similar bleak circumstances. Please keep in mind that all cities and towns have already accepted their budgets for 1985-1986 fiscal year. Obviously, such a circumstance would be devastating to many if the final figures remained unchanged. It makes little sense for the state to run a surplus this year while many towns could be faced with bankruptcy.

#### Amendment For Supplemental Budget Offered

After negotiations with the Legislature's Administration and Finance Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, it was agreed that I would offer an amendment to a supplemental budget for \$3.2 million. This amount would bring the payment on the state land account up to last year's level, thus holding them in a "hold harmless" position for fiscal 1986.

My amendment was adopted in the House and indications are that the Senate will concur. If this item remains and is signed by the Governor, as it should be, the towns will sidestep disastrous shortfall when it was least expected.

Additionally, there are a few proposals to study proper implementation of the tax rate beyond next year. I offered a measure, establishing a special commission to investigate and make recommendations on implementation. Another measure from the Senate would refer the matter to the existing Special Commission on Local Aid.

Regardless of which vehicle is chosen, what's important is that this potentially serious problem be resolved so that the cities and towns be spared such a scare again.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 25, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant of the General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Edmond W. Drewnowski & Gregory W. Gomes, to perform work subject to the act on the southwesterly corner of Shoemaker Lane and Suffield Streets, Agawam, MA.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
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**NOTICE!**  
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Dated this 15th day of July, 1985.  
Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.  
PETITION NO. AG-1182

#### STREET Shoemaker Lane Ursula Retzler Council Clerk

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPH A. PACELLA and RALPH DEPALMA who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 66 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of twelve (12) four (4) family residences on land located in the Flood Plain area and identified as two (2) parcels of land abutting AUTUMN STREET at its SOUTHERLY INTERSECTION of RIVER ROAD.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Theodore A. Progulske  
Chairman

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM

The Town of Agawam will hold a Public Hearing to discuss its Fiscal Year 1985 Massachusetts Small Cities Program Proposal on July 30, 1985 at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Town Hall Annex.

The Agawam Office of Planning and Community Development is seeking approximately \$330,000 from the Executive Office of Communities and Development through this application. If approved, funds would be used from the administration of a townwide housing rehabilitation program and the construction of a community center for the residents of 44 veteran family units in Brady Village. The proposed site is owned by the Agawam Housing Authority.

Concerned citizens are urged to attend and offer comments on the proposal. For further information please contact Deborah S. Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Development, at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400.

Reid Charles  
Town Manager  
Published: July 18th, 1985

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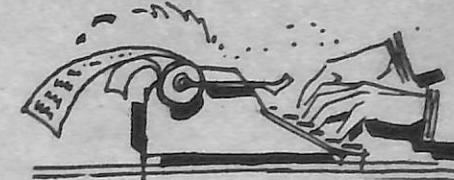


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### Moreno Scored For Mayor Involvement

#### To The Editor:

I wish to express my appreciation of Marilyn and Dick Curry's series on farming in their column "Old Agawam."

Having lived almost 84 years — about half of it in Agawam, it rather hurts to see some of the changes here and to realize that many things could have been done to preserve some of the rural atmosphere of the area.

It seems to me that some things could still be done. Development could be restricted to the main routes of travel and the least valuable land — from the stand-point of agriculture.

More consideration should be given to selling development rights to the best agricultural land in the state and this point should be made public.

Now, we have again the move to make Agawam a city with a mayor. We oldtimers know that, although the names of sponsors change, Valentine R. Moreno is always the real sponsor. We also know that he wants to be mayor. That, in fact, is the reason previous efforts have failed.

With the influx of new families into town, some may be hoodwinked; but let them realize that, with such a political change, the very character of the town would change and these people would soon bemoan the very fact that they were now surrounded by city — the very reason they moved here.

It has been said by one of the sponsors that Agawam's political charter has made the town a laughing stock.

Let's look back at the record and we'll find that, in most cases, Moreno has been behind the publicity that has resulted in that and all for his ambition as stated above.

Yours very truly,  
Walter P. Harrington  
Longtime resident

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## Melconian Says Town To Benefit From State's Arts Grants

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced today that the Town of Agawam will benefit from grants totaling \$50,000 in funding from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities for the coming fiscal year. The awards are being made through the cultural resources programs of the council.

The funds will allow students in the fourth and fifth grades to visit the Springfield Science Museum, participate in workshops and a mini-museum science fair, and construct buzzers and motors as culminating activities.

In addition, both Agawam and Southwick students will participate in a program sponsored by the Springfield Orchestra Association, which will feature visits to the schools by individual musicians, demonstrations by small ensembles, and a concert by the full orchestra.

"I am delighted to see that Agawam's schoolchildren will benefit from the cultural and educational activities in the greater Springfield area. The arts play a vital role in our community and must be supported," said Senator Melconian.

The Council on the Arts and Humanities is celebrating 20 years of state support for the arts this year. Its programs reach more than 1 million people statewide, including more than 400,000 schoolchildren. The legislature and Governor Michael Dukakis recently approved a budget for the council of \$16,379,066.

"The council and the cultural community across the state are grateful for the continued support from the Governor and the legislature," said Anne Hawley, the council's executive director.

## Group Home On Shoemaker Lane Planned

Community Services West, Inc., in conjunction with the State Department of Mental Health is in the process of locating a group home in Agawam. The new residence will be home to six men and women who suffer with emotional difficulties.

Those involved, all from local communities, are participants in the Brewster vs. Dukakis decree requiring that all services be provided in the least restrictive manner, while ensuring that individual needs are adequately met.

A large home located at 209 Shoemaker Lane is presently being considered for this program. Neighbors are being notified and have the opportunity to have

**On Friday, July 26th, our offices will be closed all day. The building will be open until 7:00 p.m. Please slide all news, classifieds, etc., under our door.**

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## Agawam Chamber Schedules Outing With West Side Cham.

The fifth annual outing between the Agawam and West Springfield Chambers of Commerce, will be held Wednesday, August 14th, and will include golf and a softball tournament among other entertainment activities.

The outing, designed to draw business colleagues from both communities together in an informal and social atmosphere, will begin on the golf course at Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills.

A softball competition between the Chambers at 4:00 p.m., will launch the afternoon events at the Elks Club, West Springfield, which will include a variety of games and contests followed by appetizers, steamers, and a steak dinner, catered by the Agawam Lions Club.

Richard Mitnick of Sounds of Music Keyboards will provide the evening's musical entertainment.

General chairwoman of the event is Dr. Katherine Schlaffer, chiropractor, a member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Representing Agawam on the committee with Schlaffer are John Mercadante, Northeast Utilities/Western Massachusetts Region; and Marjorie Wood, BayBank Valley.

Representing West Springfield are Margaret McNeill, Riverdale Gardens Health Care; Annmarie Russo, Northeast Utilities/Western Massachusetts Region; Irene Provost, Auto Glass Specialists, Inc.; William Leonard, Adams and Ruxton Construction Co.

Tickets for the outing may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 787-1540.

## Automobile Club Cites Agawam For Excellent Safety Rating

The Town of Agawam has earned the "Pedestrian Safety Citation" from the Automobile Club of Springfield for its achievement in the prevention of pedestrian fatalities and injuries during 1984, according to Francis J. Maloney, Jr., general manager of the Auto Club. The Town of Agawam has not had a pedestrian fatality in four years.

The citation is one of 320 top citations to be awarded by AAA clubs across the country in the federation's 46th annual Pedestrian Protection Program.

More than 2,590 cities and 30 states participated in the AAA survey, which evaluates and recognizes the outstanding pedestrian safety achievements of participating communities made during the previous calendar year.

Agawam first reported in the AAA survey in 1939. It has been the recipient of the Pedestrian Safety Citation in 1961, 1964 to 1968, 1971, 1978, 1981, 1983 and 1984; the Special Citation for Casualty Record in 1970; and the Special Citation for Pedestrian Accident Record in 1979.

The one-of-a-kind pedestrian program focuses national attention on pedestrian safety needs by recognizing cities, counties, and states that have demonstrated successful pedestrian safety programs.

Maloney noted that since 1937, when AAA began the Pedestrian Safety Program, pedestrian fatalities have declined 48 percent while motor vehicle registrations have increased 481 percent, and the nation's population grew by 84 percent.

Communities participating in the AAA program are judged with others of comparable size and characteristics.

Program areas evaluated include safety legislation, enforcement, traffic engineering, school traffic safety campaigns, and public information and education programs.

We ask that if you have a request for a photo, give us at least a 24 hour notice or we cannot guarantee a photographer for you.

## Sunday, July 21, 1985

*"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev. 3:20

9:45 am Christian Education Classes  
10:45 am Morning Worship Pastor Berkey  
7:00 pm Guest Speaker Pastor Gary Evans

### Wednesday, 7 pm FAMILY NIGHT Special Guest - Bonnie Dalaba

Bonnie Dalaba will be ministering July 24th at 7:00 pm in concert. Bonnie shares about her life changing weight loss of 105 lbs. and the victory only God can give.



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# Families



MRS. THOMAS P. WRIGHT  
nee Donna M. Pallotta

## Donna M. Pallotta Weds Sergeant Thomas P. Wright

Donna Marie Pallotta and Sergeant Thomas Paul Wright were united in marriage Saturday, June 29th, in Saint George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Pallotta, 15 Keating Lane, Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Myrsine Wright of Concord, New Hampshire.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Joanne Pallotta. Sergeant Leonard Parker of West Point, New York, was the best man. Bridesmaids Eileen Shea of Springfield and Lisa Verville of Chicopee were escorted by ushers Vincent Pallotta, brother of the bride, and Sergeant Michael Holtman of Fort Devens. The nephew of the groom, Joseph Bonanno, of Concord, New Hampshire, was the ringbearer.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and is employed as a Data Entry Clerk at New England School Supply. The bridegroom attended Hyde Park Prep School in Bath, Maine, and Nathaniel Hawthorne College in Antrim, New Hampshire. He is now employed as a military intelligence analyst in the United States Army.

The couple will make their first home in Oahu, Hawaii, where they will be stationed at Schofield Barracks for the next three years.

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### Tammy Leary To Compete In Little Miss Pageant

Miss Tammy A. Leary, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael T. Leary of 812 North West Street, Feeding Hills, has been selected as an entrant in the 1985 "Little Miss Junior Massachusetts Pageant" at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn, 500 Lincoln Street, Worcester on Sunday, August 11th. This state event will select Massachusetts representatives to the "Little Miss Junior America Pageant" staged at the luxurious Sheraton Bal Harbour on Miami Beach. The Little Miss Junior American Pageant will be presented in October.

Miss Leary, who was selected as an entrant-at-large, will be competing with girls from all over Massachusetts for the title of Little Miss Junior Massachusetts. She attends Robinson Park Elementary School where she participated in baton. Her other activities include playing soccer, gymnastics, jogging, roller skating, ice skating, softball, and dancing.

### Agawam Counseling Center Elects New Officers

Agawam Counseling Center's board of directors recently elected officers for the 1985-86 fiscal year. Dorothy Coon of Edgewater Road in Agawam was reelected chairperson of the 15-member board. Mrs. Coon is the former director of Special Education, Agawam Public Schools, and is serving her third year as chairperson.

Also elected were Robert Hodges, vice-chairperson; Fred Affleck, secretary; and James Coon, treasurer.

Nominations of three new board members were accepted at the June meeting. Elected to two-year terms were Donald Smith, Patricia Serafino, and George Hellquist. All are residents of Feeding Hills.

Directors are responsible for oversight of the counseling center, which provides mental health services to residents of Agawam and surrounding towns.

Agawam Counseling Center is a non-profit agency located at 770 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

### Private Jeffrey Jakuboski Completes Unit Training

Army Reserve Private Jeffrey J. Jakuboski, son of Everett S. Jakuboski of 335 South West Street, and Pamela A. Jakuboski of 60 Ridgeway Drive, both of Feeding Hills, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

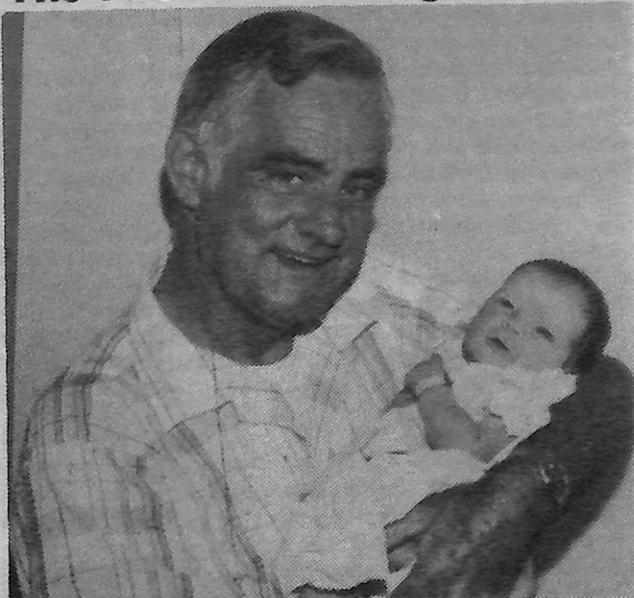
OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad tactics, patrolling, landmine warfare, field communications, and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-weapons infantryman and as an indirect-fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

He is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

### Jack Devine Finally Gets His First Granddaughter



BRITTANY HEATHER THERIAQUE was born on July 15th weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 22 inches long. She is the first granddaughter of maternal grandparents Jack & Margaret Devine of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Theriaque of Agawam. Great-great-grand parents are Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Lipson of Springfield. The proud parents are Bruce & Brenda (Devine) Theriaque of Alhambra Circle, Agawam. Brittany has a brother, Brad, 3.

### Airman Jeffrey Hill Assigned To Sheppard Air Force Base

Airman Jeffrey A. Hill, son of Richard A. and Carol R. Hill of 75 Lealand Avenue, Agawam, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

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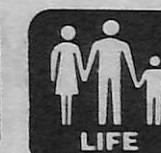
### Belmont Laundry Opens New Suffield St. Store

Robert E. Samble, Jr., vice president and general manager of Belmont Laundry and Dry Cleaners, has announced the opening of a new satellite store on Suffield Street, Agawam, in the Cumberland Farms Shopping Mall. The first satellite was opened in Longmeadow in 1984.

Samble said that the purpose of the new stores is to provide convenient shirt and dry cleaning drop-off and pick-up locations for residents of surrounding communities.

The firm, which is headquartered in Springfield, was founded by Samble's grandfather in 1907 and continues to offer pickup and delivery service to its customers as well.

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## News, Activities From Agawam Senior Center

### Blueberry Sale - July 24th

"Fresh from the fields to the Center" — your Senior Center Activities Committee is making it possible for Agawam seniors to pick up a basket of blueberries at a price which will be lower than in the stores.

Part of the committee members will provide the picking power; others will be on hand to do the selling at the Center.

**WHEN:** At a date to be announced for later in the summer.

**WHERE:** Agawam Senior Center.

**WHO:** Agawam Seniors.

**WHY:** For the convenience of Agawam seniors. The committee is thinking especially of those seniors who do not drive or who cannot go out and pick their own berries.

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The Agawam Senior Center does not close for the summer. It is open all year, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. While most classes are suspended during the summer months, the Oil Painting Class on Thursday mornings at 9:30 continues each week. Also, Sewing and Quilting Classes are held each

Monday at 9:30 a.m.

The Library is also open with a good supply of reading material available at all times. However, books on loan from the Agawam Public Library must be checked out by the librarian on duty, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings only.

The center is comfortably air conditioned for those pool games, table tennis, or friendly games of cards. There is a cable-connected color TV in the library for the enjoyment of Agawam's seniors. The kitchen staff serves a nutritious lunch daily at 11:30 a.m., for which advance reservations are required. They may be made by calling 786-0400, extension 242.

Bingo is played every Saturday evening at the center. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., and the kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m., to serve a light snack at a nominal charge.

Cards are 25 cents each, with a maximum of 10 cards. Thirty games are played and each game pays \$5 if the crowd is large enough. All money taken in for bingo cards is returned to the players. The snacks are served by the Activities Committee.

For the best hometown news every week, Agawam seniors read the Advertiser News

### Airman Paul Forgette Completes Basic Training

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The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the communications-electronics systems field.

He is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School.

### Bud Light Softball Marathon Continues To Take Teams

To date, 33 teams have registered to play in the 1985 Bud Light Easter Seal Softball Marathon August 10th and 11th at the Big E in West Springfield. Registration still is open for any other teams wishing to participate.

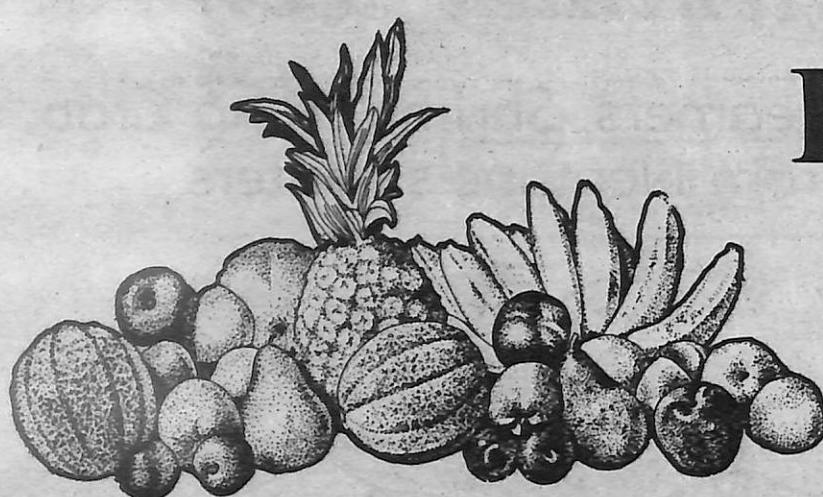
Sponsoring the event locally is WMAS-FM 95 Radio.

Each team that enters receives a trophy win or lose, as well as a chance to win many great prizes. This includes the grand prize of a trip for two to Martha's Vineyard, courtesy of Timbuktu Travel.

All proceeds from the marathon help to fund Easter Seal services for people with disabilities. This includes Easter Seal's most expansive service, Easter Seal Home Health Care.

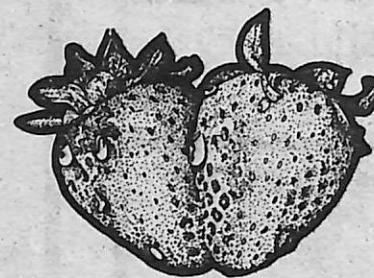
To register a team or for further information, interested players can call the Western Easter Seal Regional Office in West Springfield at 734-6434.

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## West Springfield Class of 1945 Holds 40th Reunion



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### Hot Cars Can Kill Your Pets During Summer!

Hot cars kill pets! The Massachusetts SPCA warns that every summer hundreds of animals die from heat prostration trapped in closed cars by careless owners.

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Animal lovers can prevent cruelty by placing MSPCA Hot Car Warning Cards on the windshields of these heat traps. This summer, the combined efforts of animal lovers and law enforcement officers in some communities will save many more pets from death in hot cars.

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Kennedy's Scotch	1.75	<b>\$10.99</b>
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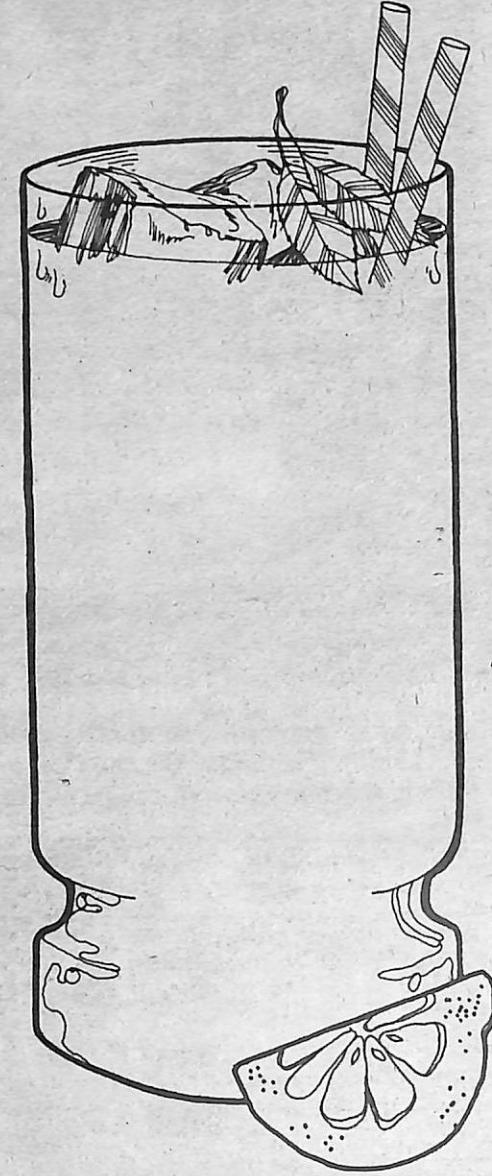
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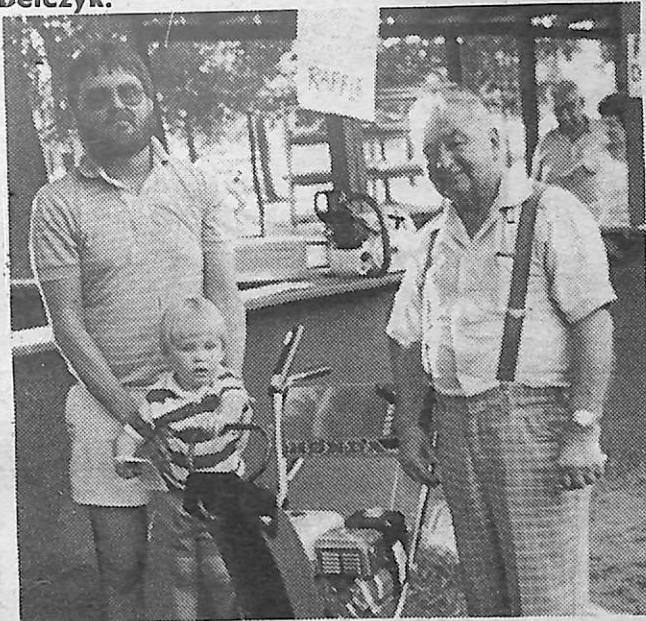
# GINO'S LIQUORS

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# Polish Festival, Golden Agers Picnic



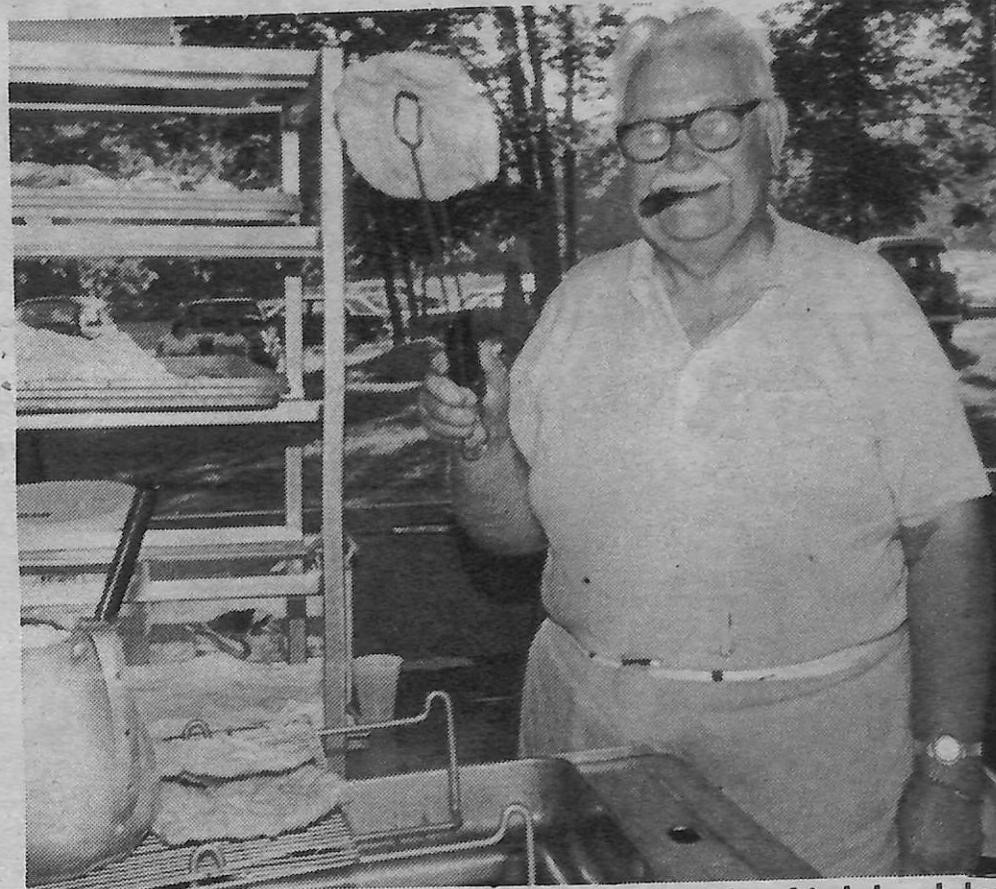
**DOING THEIR VERSION OF THE POLKA** last weekend at the Polish Club's annual festival are Jack & Helen Belczyk.



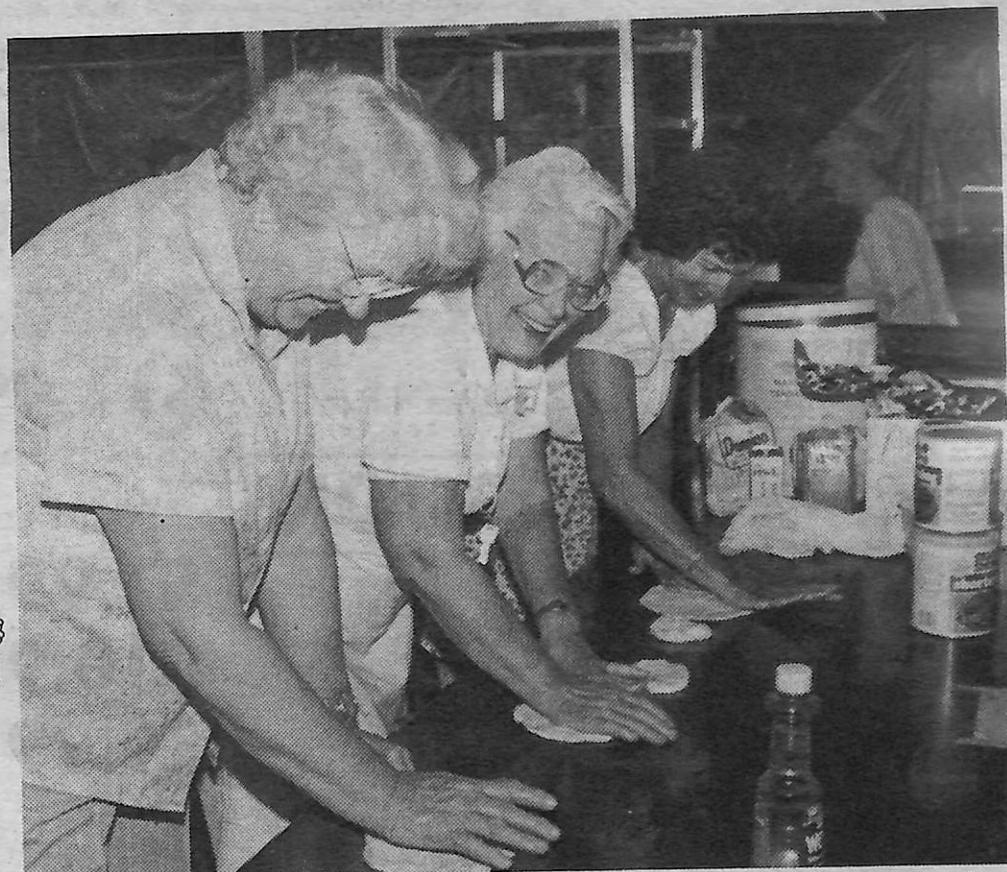
**POLISH CLUB PRESIDENT** Bill Janulewicz (right) welcomes Nathan Adamski and his dad, Steven, on Saturday, July 13th, at the club's festival.



**SANDY HASKINS, BILL JANULEWICZ**, club president, and Tilly Tomaszewski share a light moment at the Polish Club's festival last weekend.



**PAUL OSYPUK** of the Polish American Club makes fried dough last weekend at the club's annual festival.



**MEMBERS OF THE POLISH CLUB'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY** hard at work in the kitchen.



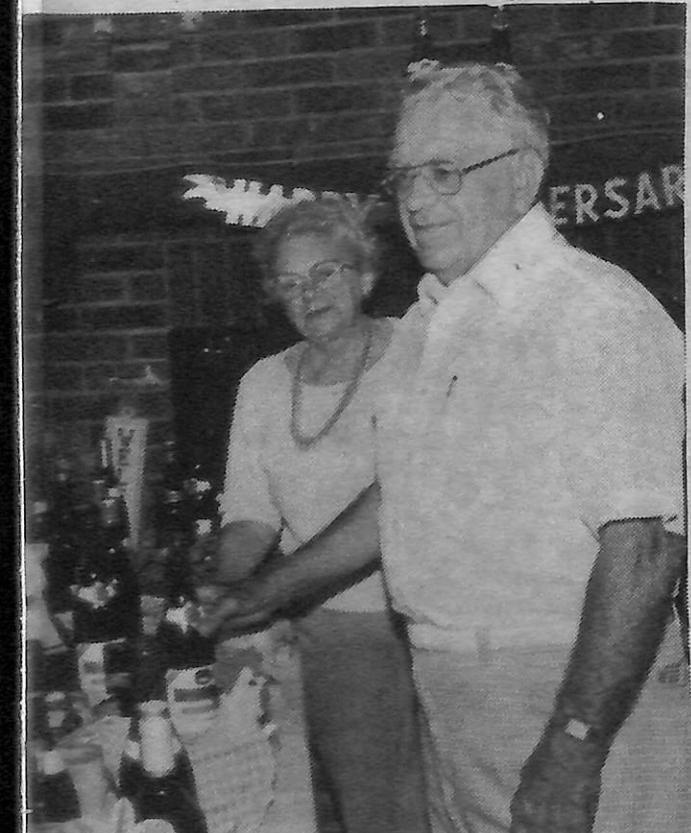
**SHOWING OFF DOOR PRIZES** at the Golden Tisdell, ticket chairwoman, and Lee Fair Marian Binnenkade, ways & means chairwoman.

**MUNCHING ON her hamburger** at the Club's festival

# nic, Keep Polish Club Hopping



**GON A HAMBURG ROLL** while she is waiting for her meal is Anna Zapala, 2½, at the Polish American Club's festival on Saturday, July 13th.



Golden Age Club Chapter 1 picnic are Ellen S., picnic committee chairwoman (left); and Merril Tisdel, ticket chairwoman, and Merrill Tisdel, ticket chair-



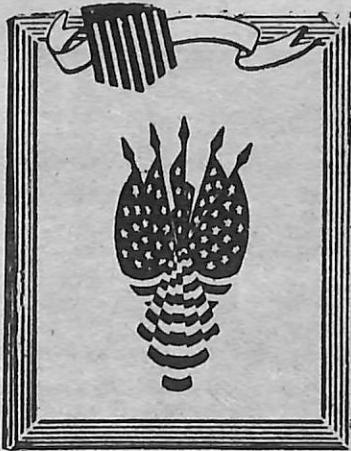
**JERRY SMOLA'S VELVETONES** entertain at the Polish American Club's festival on Saturday evening, July 11th.



**AGNES O'CONNOR** and **DIANNE SPORBERT** enjoy their salad at the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter I picnic at the Polish American Club on Wednesday, July 10th.



**FRANCES & FRANK FAGNANI** aren't quite sure they wanted to get their picture taken at the Golden Age Club picnic, but photographer Jack Devine snapped away just the same.



## in old Agawam

by  
Marilyn & Dick Curry

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry continue their summer series on local farming. This week, "The Corn King," Al Christopher is featured.

### Agawam Meadows Farmed Since Days Of The Indian

Hundreds of years before the coming of the European into the Connecticut River Valley, the Agawam Indians had been cultivating and harvesting their necessary crops along that parcel of land now known as the Agawam Meadows.

It is not surprising that the first white settlers into this region immediately realized and made proper use of this rich fertile land.

We can only imagine that the Indian having lived so close to his natural environment must have concluded that with the annual flooding of the local plains by the Great River, Mother Nature was bestowing her blessings by depositing rich fertile layers of sediment, that would, for generations to come, provide the First Americans, as well as the European, with a means of survival.

Although the Agawams did not reside upon this parcel, they built their homes on higher ground. It is claimed that the Indians were the first to caution the early settlers against doing otherwise!

Still, the Meadows served the purpose of farmland that would allow for the growing of necessary sustenance to Indian and settler alike.

Accordingly, for centuries, the Agawam Meadows has witnessed man's appreciation for fertile land that would sustain his life.

Even now, there are those amongst us who still continue to cultivate and harvest the richness of the meadows as attested to this excerpt from Edith LaFrancis' town history:

*In the 1800s and 1900s many of the farms around town included a small lot in the Meadows or on the Island (Kelsey, Porter, Bodurtha, Campbell, Hull, Kirkland, and others).*

#### Al Christopher...The Corn King

Without a doubt, everyone hereabouts knows of Al Christopher, "The Corn King." For over 45 years the Christopher family has been farming produce in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Before that time, Al's wife's (Jenny) grandfather, Vincent Moccio, bought land in the Meadows.

In 1940, grandfather Vincent gave 10 acres of the meadowlands to his granddaughter. With this precious plot of fertile land, the Christophers began a family tradition that remains within the family to this day.

In 1948, Al and Jenny Christopher purchased some 115 acres of land in the Meadows from Abe Leo Cohen and the family began farming on a larger scale.

Al will readily admit that 90 percent of the newly-acquired acreage was still wild forest, with trees of 15-20 feet in height.

Al's voice speaks with pride as he relates how the family had to fell the trees and cut them up by hand in order to clear the land for cultivation. "It took 10 years to complete the task," remarked Al.

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In the words of historian Edith LaFrancis: *Land in the Meadows was consolidated into a larger farm when Albert Christopher bought 100 acres for market gardening.*

Prior to this, in 1944, the Christophers had already bought up the old Randall farm. This property that was formerly a horse farm for raising and selling workhorses elevated the Christophers into a large scale farm, dealing exclusively with fresh produce.

Al speaks with a tone of nostalgia as he mentions such names as Angelo Grasso, and of course, Charles Hull. His memory is sharp and alert as he recalls those earlier days when he and Jenny commenced upon their agrarian endeavors.

Throughout the interview, Al Christopher made constant mention of members of his family who helped get the family enterprise going.

"Even my four sisters, Eva Nostin, Elvira Mercadante, Henrietta Santinello, and Antoinette Ciccosta helped us during those beginning years," remarked Al.

But even before the Christopher chief had become a grown man, he had experienced the hardships of farming. As a young boy in primary school, Al remembers waking up in the early hours of the morning only to pick 32 quarts of strawberries before heading off to school. Despite this initiation to farming, Al Christopher chose to spend his life in farming.

#### Farming Offset By Hardships

As the years progressed the Christophers can easily attest to the many hardships encountered by themselves as well as farmers across the nation.



In 1984 the Christophers' Meadowlands were inundated by nine feet of water from the Great River. It took two-and-one-half weeks before the water subsided, and it wasn't until the week of June 15th that they were to cultivate the first planting of some 40-50 acres. Nor is Nature the only apparent threat to our local farmers! What many non-farmers fail to realize is the difficulty with which the average farmer might have acquiring much needed and necessary crop loans.

With the attitude of our present federal administration, it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain the proper funding to carry on farming on a small scale.

Like his fellow farmers, Al Christopher sees a bleak future for farming within our community unless something is done to alleviate their plight.

Land and more land is needed to replace that which has gone the route of rapid development. Unless the people heed these words of caution, they must seek some other means for sustenance!

Despite the problems that presently encroach the

Christopher family, namely labor, there still remains some semblance of hope in the fact that the Christopher's son, Thomas, along with his wife, Jayne, now continue on with the more active labors of the family farm, while Al remains the consultant.

Al and Jenny Christopher take pride in speaking of their other children who have lived without the family vocation: daughter Janice Koth, presently resides in New Mexico, married to an Air Force officer; Kathleen, a medical secretary; and Ann Marie, a housewife and mother.



Regardless of the fact that only one of the Christophers has undertaken to follow in the footsteps of their parents, it remains that Al & Jenny Christopher are living reminders of our agricultural past.

As they continue in the shadows of our local heritage, so must we remain forever grateful to their labors in providing food for this area.

In this, the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills must stand firmly behind the convictions of our ancestors who first settled this township of western Massachusetts.

#### The Corn King Title

Even though most people associate Al Christopher with the title of "Corn King," few people realize the origin of this distinction.

Accordingly, it remains for us to enlighten the general public as to how and why Al Christopher gained his title.

Today, Al Christopher raises a complete variety of vegetable products with the exception of beets, carrots, and onions. Their stable product is corn! Three basic varieties of corn are the mainstay of the farm — white, yellow, and butter n' sugar.

Al's first consideration is for the quality of corn that he sells to the public. It is from this beginning that he earned the rightful title of "Corn King."

Originally, when butter n' sugar corn first graced the local markets, Al was not satisfied that this particular brand of corn had been perfected. The result was that he did not grow or sell that special variety of corn that was soon to become a local favorite.

As time progressed and with the eventual perfection of this brand, Al began to specialize in the cultivation of butter n' sugar corn within our area.

Obviously, Al's basic interest was founded in satisfaction to the consumer.

Accordingly, the Christopher farm became well known throughout the region and he was soon to become known as the "Corn King"...king of quality corn!

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## MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

DAVID PHILIP ALLEN, son of RITA ALLEN of Autumn Street, Agawam, and PHILIP ALLEN of Ruth Avenue, Agawam, recently graduated from Boston University with a grade point average of 3.93.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in astronomy and physics with a minor in mathematics. He graduated magna cum laude.

Working out of an ordinary van converted to a Mobil Ionospheric Observatory, David was one of two BU students in the astronomy department to track down the first man-made comet, called the "Christmas Comet," which was launched last December 27th.

They devised the pointing directions, did all the calculations, and programmed two computers to direct the telescope to move to the speed of the comet.

The comet's visual appearance was eight minutes and they were able to record up to five minutes. The computer programming was very important for this experiment to succeed.

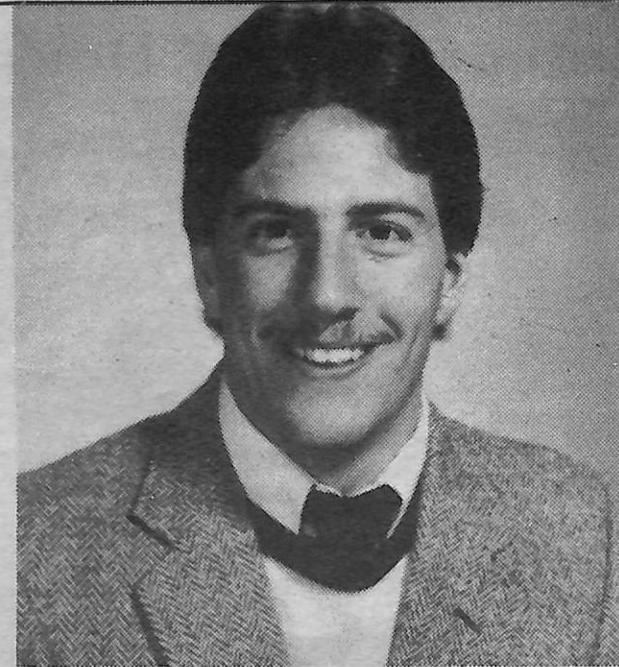
David is working for the Mobil Ionospheric Observatory which was to contribute to a July space shuttle experiment called Space Lab II Mission.

In the fall, he will be going for his master's at BU. He has two brothers, DOUGLAS, and ROBERT, and a sister, ARLENE.

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**FRANK & JANET LALLI**, and son, PAUL, moved in to their new home on Joanne Circle June 28th, leaving the town of Southwick and back to Janet's hometown. Janet (JANET RAYMOND) was raised on the Raymond homestead, Adams Street, where her mother still resides.

Celebrating her homecoming Janet gave birth to their second son, MICHAEL RAYMOND LALLI, on July 12th. He weighed six pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long.



DAVID P. ALLEN recently graduated from Boston University with a 3.93 average.

Saturday, July 13th, was the birthday of FATHER CAMILLO SANTINI of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. We wish him a belated "Happy Birthday."

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For any boy or girl that wanted to but did not sign up for the Coaches' Baseball-Softball Camp held at the Sacred Heart (Feeding Hills) baseball fields, they really missed a week of fun.

The campers received positive instruction and guidance that is important for the athletes to reach their potential.

The directors of the Coaches' Camp brought together ideas and drills from other camps and put them to work to provide fun, socialization, time for development, and improvement of the young players' total growth. The Coaches' Camp was pleased to have BILL BEDARD as the camp hitting instructor. He is

widely acknowledged as the finest hitting instructor in the area.

Helping the coaches were B.J. MASSOIA, PETE VECCHIARELLI, and TONY MOCCIO.

Our congratulations to the directors and coaches, LOU CONTE and BRIAN RHEAULT, with the assistance of coaches BILL BEDARD, SCOTT RAYMOND, AND TIM AYERS for a very successful week.

Belated anniversary wishes are being sent to GERRY and MARY O'KEEFE of Kensington Street, Feeding Hills. They were married July 3rd, 1965, and have four daughters — TINA, SHARON, SANDY, and MAUREEN.

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Another belated anniversary wish goes to FRED & PAT MONTESI of Hendum Drive, Feeding Hills. They were married on July 1st, 1967, and have three children. The "three M's" are MICHELLE, MARLO, and MICHAEL.

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On July 17th, JIM BRUNO of Kensington Street, Feeding Hills celebrated his 78th birthday. Jim is the father of MARY O'KEEFE, JIM BRUNO, ROSALIE TALBOT, and BOB BRUNO, and grandfather of 14, and great-grandfather of three.

Happy 78th Jim.

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Belated birthday wishes are being sent to KAREN ALBANO of Roberta Circle, Agawam. She celebrated her 19th birthday on July 10th with a small party which included family and friends.

Karen recently completed her first year at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

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Belated birthday wishes are being sent to THOMAS ALBANO of Roberta Circle, Agawam. (Address sound familiar? — You guessed it — he is Karen's brother). Thomas celebrated his 22nd birthday on July 13th. Happy birthday, Thomas.

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ROMILDA RITA DIPIETRO of Agawam celebrated her 21st birthday at a party given by her sister, MRS. ROBERT W. JEFFWAY, JR. of Northampton. "Romi" marked the occasion with a weekend visit to the Epcot Center of Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

## Gubby Borgatti & Friends Plan Chicken Barbeque To Benefit Scleroderma Research

On Wednesday, July 31st, a chicken barbecue will be held at the Elks Lodge, 2174 Morgan Road, West Springfield, for the research of Scleroderma, a disease many times fatal and mostly common to women.

Local resident Ruth Borgatti died of this disease in 1973, and since then the group of "Gubby & Friends" has put on many affairs to raise funds for research.

Serving will begin at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the dinner will consist of salad, ziti with broccoli sauce, one-half chicken, bread, dessert, and coffee.

The committee will plan for 300 and hopes to be sold out in advance. If the event is not sold out, tickets will be sold at the door.

Ticket chairman Tom Frasco and his wife, Adrienne,

## Coming on August 29th: Annual School Report - Bus Schedules

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 24th  
Free Astronomy Program  
Halley's Comet  
Agawam Public Library  
7:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 28th  
Chicken Barbeque  
Agawam UNICO  
Polish Club  
noon - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, August 10th to 11th  
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Saturday, July 27th  
Square Dancing  
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7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 8th  
Golf Tournament  
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**FIRE-WISE**

by Rusty Jenk  
Agawam Fire Chief

**You've Had A Serious Fire...  
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Hopefully you will never experience a fire. If you do, the first 24 hours afterwards can be a time of confusion. Most people will not be able to think clearly; yet, certain actions must be taken to secure property and start the recovery process. Plan ahead. Learn from these steps. Clip and keep the following checklist in a safe location. To protect your home from additional damage and secure the site:

— Look for signs of heat or smoke, as flames may rekindle in hidden, smoldering remains several hours after the fire.

— Cover holes against rain and entry. Lock or secure outside doors. The Agawam Fire Department may help you with this initially.

— Notify your insurance agent who may be able to help with immediate repairs. Temporary housing costs may be covered in your policy. Check your yellow pages for a general contractor, fire damage restoration firm or a fire service firm.

— Remove any valuables from the building. Leave once the site is secured.

— Tenants should notify the manager, owner or owner's insurance agent. The owner is responsible for preventing further loss to the property. Secure your personal belongings and call your own insurance agent.

— For temporary shelter, food, clothing or assistance, call the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, fire department or other disaster relief service.

— Discard all food, beverages and medicine exposed to heat, smoke, or soot. Unopened freezers and refrigerators hold their temperatures for a short time, but do not refreeze thawed items.

— Save all receipts related to money spent on fire loss. You will need to verify it to your insurance company and on your federal income tax.

— If you leave your home, remember to call the police. If aware of your absence, they will be able to check on your property.

— Try to take identification, vital medicines (if not exposed to heat or smoke), eyeglasses, hearing aids and other personal belongings with you.

— Do not open your safe as it may hold intense heat for several hours. Opening it before it cools may cause the contents to burst into flames.

— Be sure to let others know of your relocation, i.e., employer, family, friends, school and delivery services.

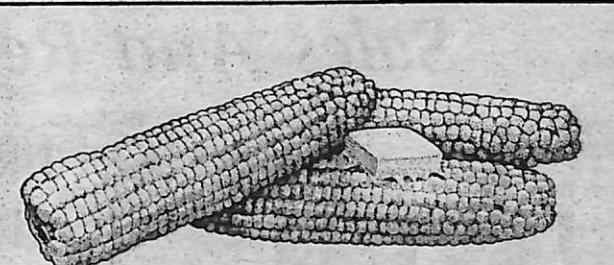
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## Agawam VFW Holds Family Picnic



THE AGAWAM VFW POST on South Street held its annual family picnic on Sunday, July 14th. Here, cooking hotdogs and hamburgers are, from left - Ray Negrucci, Andre Luginbul, and Ellie Appelman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Providence Slates Aug. Sugar Clinic

The monthly session of the Providence Hospital blood sugar level testing program is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in Room One of the hospital auditorium. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, RN, diabetic teaching nurse, stressed that those taking the test must fast from midnight the night before "so that the test will be accurate."

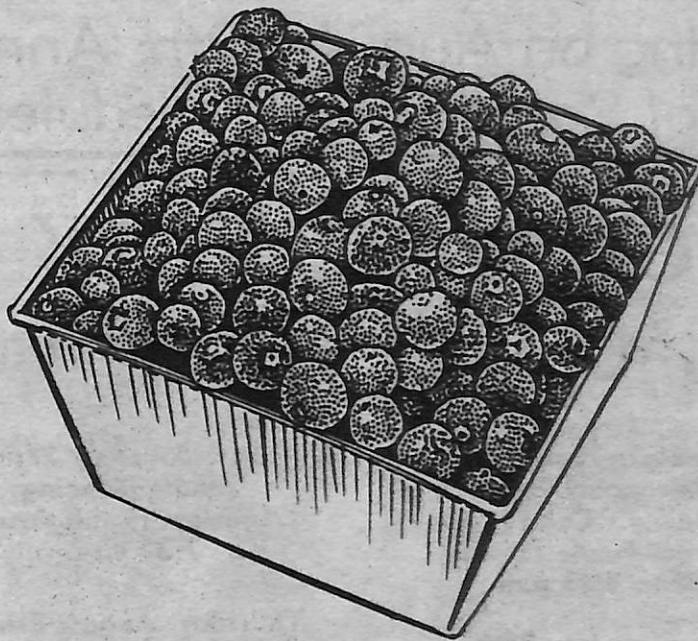
The program is open to the public and a \$2 donation is asked to cover costs.

Diabetics are welcome to take the test to check their sugar levels.

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital at 536-5111, extension 2291.

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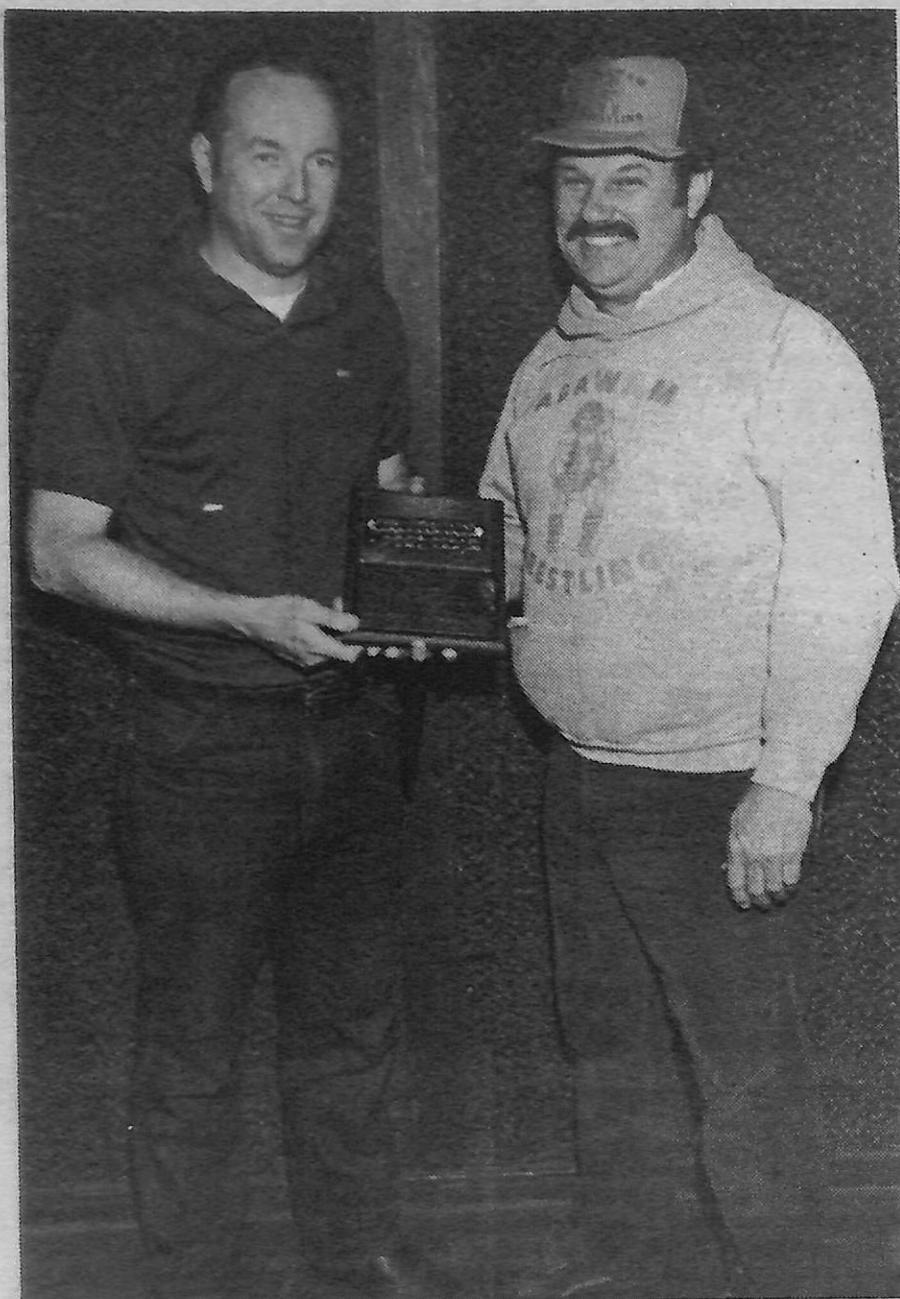


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## Boosters Thank Polish Club



**RON WIENERS** (right), vice-president of the Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club, presents Bill Conway, vice-president of the Polish American Club, with a plaque from the booster club to thank the Polish Club for all their support and contributions for the wrestling program at Agawam High in 1984-85. Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

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## Riverside Racers' Picnic Set For Sunday, July 28th

The management of New England's "most successful quarter mile," Riverside Park Speedway, wish to invite the race fans, drivers, and their families to a special annual "Riverside Racers' Picnic."

The function is designed to create an atmosphere of friendship and family fun for all race people. It will be held in the Riverside Grove on Sunday, July 28th.

The Grove is a special V.I.P. resort-type banquet and picnic area, located in a secluded section behind the famed Thunder Bolt Roller Coaster. The function will be open to as many as 1,000 race people.

For the competitors and car owners, they will be treated to an extra bonus. All of the competitors in each division that have competed in at least three race events during 1985 will receive a V.I.P. "executive racers gift pack."

This pack will consist of one ticket for the driver to the picnic and one ticket for the owner. In addition to this, the owner and driver will receive a V.I.P. Ride Pass for up to five guests to ride the rides and enjoy all the attractions that have made Riverside New England's largest and finest amusement park.

Besides this, competitors are invited to bring their race cars for a special display in the stadium. This is a great opportunity to give family members and race fans a chance to ride on the race track in a real race car. In addition to this, the spectacular softball playoffs will occur as the Modifieds will go against the Pro Stocks and Streets. Last year, the function was a huge success as everyone played softball until dark.

Everyone is urged to support the racers' picnic. Free gifts will be given to all that attend. Ticket prices are designed to cover only the cost of the function and are priced at just \$9. The ticket covers the admission to the park and stadium at noon, with a delicious all-you-can-eat buffet served at 2:00 p.m. in Riverside's Grove. Family activities in the park, stadium, and Grove will follow.

Tickets must be bought in advance at Riverside Park Speedway at the Novelty Booth on race nights. See Mrs. Dodge or call Riverside Park Speedway 413-786-3900, attention Gina, Gene Murphy, or Ben Dodge, Jr.

The media, drivers and owners should contact Ben Dodge, Jr., for advance tickets.

## Urban Wildlife Program Slated At Laughing Brk.

"Urban Wildlife" will be a special program for families sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden on Saturday, July 20th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The program will begin at the Mary Lynch School on North Branch Parkway in Springfield. "Urban Wildlife" is open to the public and reservations are required by July 17th.

Participants will start the day with a pleasant ramble in search of "urban wildlife" right in Springfield's own backyard. Even within this highly urban setting, there are areas which provide homes for wildlife that are usually thought of as denizens of the country.

The area which borders the South Branch Parkway contains many wildlife species beyond the expected gray squirrels, pigeons, starlings, and mourning doves. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Binoculars, field guides, and cameras are advised.

Leader for "Urban Wildlife" will be Jack McLaren, Laughing Brook's animal caretaker and naturalist.

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## Lynn E. Ugolini IAS Graduate

"Sold" has new meaning to area antique dealer Lynn Ugolini, since the resident of West Springfield was recently graduated from International Auction School (IAS).

The school is located at the Douglas Auctioneers Gallery, South Deerfield, and is licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education.

Mrs. Ugolini was one of 20 men and women who completed nine days of intensified study in such areas as advertising, antiques, public relations, real estate, auction chants, law, bookkeeping, and appraisals.

IAS is the only auction school in the Northeast that offers and stresses these courses. Mid-western auction schools concentrate mainly on livestock, tobacco, and farm auction training.

Since 1974, Mrs. Ugolini has operated L & L Sales, a wholesale and retail antique business. The firm specializes in furniture, jewelry, glass, china, and objects of art.

She is a graduate of the Springfield High School of Commerce, and Bay Path Junior College.

## SHAA Kids Played Whirlyball On July 14

On Sunday afternoon, July 14th, Nick Rocco, manager at Agawam's Whirlyball, offered the players in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association an afternoon of fun at the WhirlyBall courts on Tennis Road in Agawam.

The youngsters made up seven teams of players from each of S.H.A.A.'s baseball and softball leagues. The girls from the 14-17 softball league soundly beat each of the boys' 14-16 baseball teams.

The girls from the softball 10-13 league beat both younger boys' 11-13 teams.

A playoff game was played between the two girls' teams to determine the winner of the day. The winners were the girls' 14-17 softball league team made up of Nora Lloyd and Laura Drazel forwards, center Katie Griffin, and Shelly Demarinis and Brigitte Labbe defended the boards.

Rocco treated the players to soda and popcorn and a great time was had by all. Rocco is planning to start a Saturday Youth WhirlyBall League and is accepting applications down at the courts from any and all Agawam youngsters of school age.

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## Ag. First Baptist Church To Hold Open House

The First Baptist Church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, will hold an open house of the Sunday School and the Church on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for all new residents of the town and any other interested families.

This is planned as an informal, "come-as-you-are-Saturday morning" occasion.

Understanding that it is sometimes difficult for new town residents to become acquainted with church programs and facilities, members of the congregation will be available to explain the sanctuary and the educational facilities of the Sunday School for nursery, children and youth. The open house is offered as a service to new residents with no obligations entailed.

Reverend Dr. Donald Morris, pastor, and Mrs. Morris, will meet new residents at the end of the church tour in Bodurtha Hall where coffee and punch will be served. Assisting Dr. Morris in planning the open house are co-chairpersons Everett Hodge, church moderator, and Dorothy Major, Sunday School superintendent.

The First Baptist Church will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in 1990. The congregation received its charter letter to form a Baptist Church west of Springfield in 1790. In 1830, after using the Agawam

Center School as a place of worship for many years, the congregation was able to build its own house of worship on the corner of Main and Elm Streets. The steeple and vestibule are part of the original church.

Older town residents will remember the steeple and vestibule remaining free-standing when the old sanctuary was demolished in 1968 to make way for the larger new sanctuary.

Included in the open house tour will be Davis Hall, given by the Davis/Porter families in 1925; Hall Chapel, given by Robert W. Hall in memory of his parents Ernest and Jane Hall; Worthington Hall, built in 1955 as the educational wing of the church and dedicated to the Worthington/Hastings families, owners of the former Agawam Woolen Mill and original charter members who served and are serving the church; and Bodurtha Hall, built in 1967 and named in memory of the many Bedortha/Bodurtha/Magovern families, charter members, who served and continue to serve the church in many areas.

There will be displays of church history and also displays of the current activities of the church. These will remain on display Sunday, September 8th, which is "Church Homecoming Sunday and Rally Day" for the whole church family to start the new church year.

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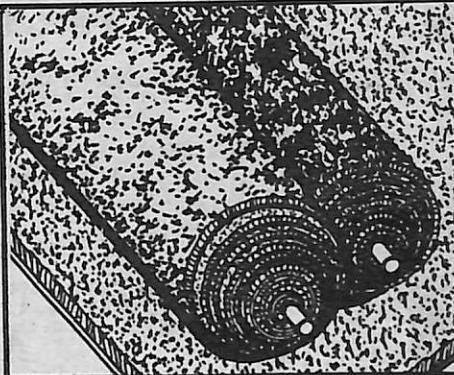
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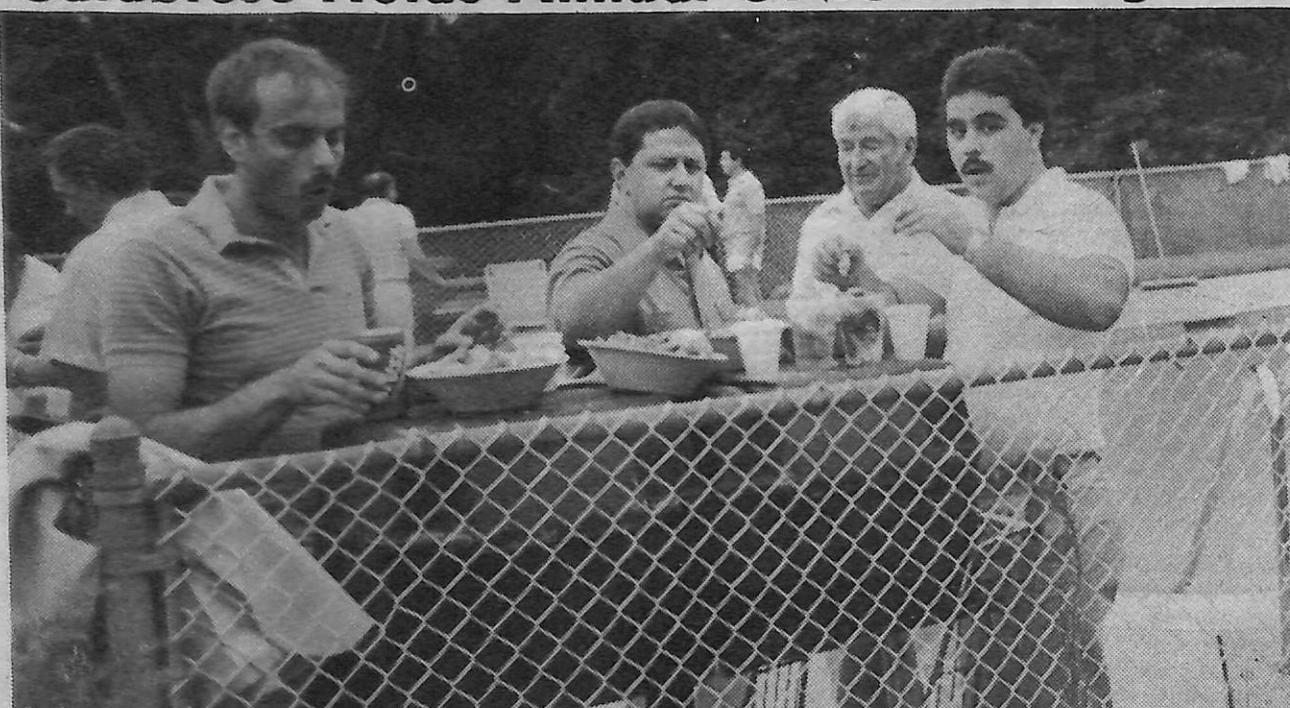


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## Calabrese Holds Annual UNICO Outing



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM UNICO CLUB enjoy "steamers" at the Annual Clambake held at the home of Charlie Calabrese in Agawam. From left - Ric Sardella, Ronnie Brown, Calabrese, and John Beltrandi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBER John Chriscola is very adapt at cracking into clams as displayed at last week's Annual Clambake. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam UNICO Plans Annual Chicken BBQ

Mike Delucchi, barbecue chairman, and Tom Copolo, club presidnet of Agawam Unico of Unico national will have their 23rd Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, July 28th, at the Polish American Club Pavilion in Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and children, \$2. Tickets may be purchased from club members, at Gino's Package Store, Mutti's Service Station, Towne Insurance, and Pam's Place, or by calling ticket chairman Richard Forni at 786-4168. Walk-ins are welcome.

The menu will be half chicken, salad, native corn-on-the-cob, french fries, watermelon, bread, bottomless coffee and punch.

Take-outs will be available and containers will be furnished.

Proceeds benefit mental health, retarded children, scholarships, and many community charities.

There are many posters in town businesses announcing Unico's fundraiser for these many worthy causes, and Unico thanks these merchants.



CHARLIE CALABRESE (left) and Frank Chriscola spent the better part of their day on Wednesday, July 10th, preparing for the Annual Clambake of the Agawam UNICO club held each year at Calabrese's home. Here, the two veteran Unicans barbeque steaks for over 50 club members who attended the affair. A business meeting followed the dinner.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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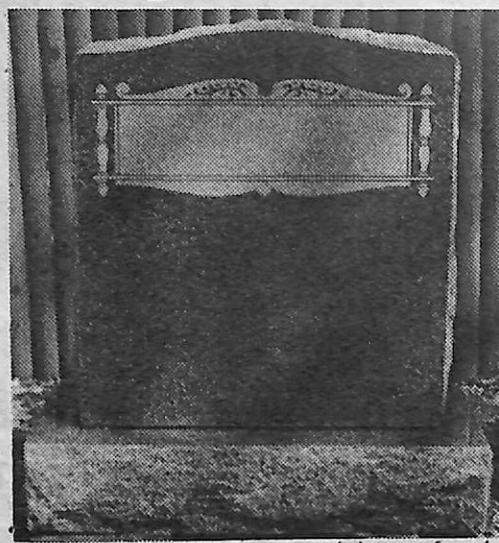
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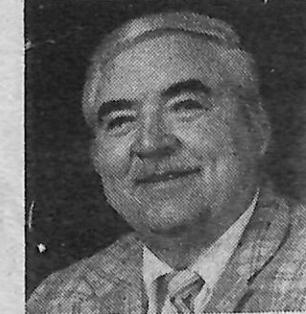
Purple Majesty is a fine-grained granite with hues of orchid, brown and blue. It is admired for its beauty in all finishes - polished, steelied, frosted, rustic or tooled. The contrast of sand-blast carving and lettering is vivid and extraordinary. Yes, Purple Majesty is clearly distinctive and attractive, and it is poised to earn a high rank among the best quality granites now on the market.

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## Local Eye Doctor Offers Helpful Tips

To Residents - by Dr. Richard Gallerani - Feeding Hills

### TELEVISION VIEWING:

Watching television will not harm an older adult's eyes or vision but, close concentration on a television screen over an excessive time may result in general fatigue. Older adults can make television viewing easier on their eyes if they:

- Wear glasses, if needed, prescribed for distant vision.

- Watch television from a distance at least five times the width of the screen;

- Have the set at approximately eye level to avoid having to look up or down at the picture;

- Make sure the set is properly installed and the antenna adjusted;

- Place the set to avoid glare and reflections;

- Adjust the contrast and brightness for viewer's comfort and taste; and

- Give the eyes a periodic rest by briefly looking away from the screen.

### LIGHTING:

The average 60 year-old needs seven times as much light as the average 20 year-old to perform the same tasks. This need for more light is due to the eyes' normal aging.

It is also the reason why older eyes are usually more comfortable under incandescent rather than fluorescent bulbs. Besides making visual tasks more difficult, inadequate lighting is a contributing factor to many falls in hallways and on stairs.

Older adults can increase light bulb wattage in-

## Saturn's Rings To Be Viewed At Springfield Museum

Saturn's proximity to Earth and the tilt of its rings make this summer a particularly good time for observation. Other celestial sights will include a dense cluster of thousands of stars in the constellation of Hercules, the moon when it is visible, and Jupiter and its moons in late July.

In the Seymour Planetarium, "The Summer Sky" program will help sky scanners locate the Big and Little Dippers, the Summer Triangle, and other heavenly objects.

Planetarium hours for July and August are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

The Friday evening observatory session begins promptly at 8:30 p.m. No children under six are admitted to the planetarium or observatory, and a fee is charged.

doors, carry a small flashlight outdoors, and exercise care in low-lighted areas.

### SPORTS:

Whether on a court, course, field, bowling lane or skating rink, athletes of every age rely on such vision skills as sharp, clear distant vision; good side vision; the ability to judge distances; the ability to follow a moving object smoothly and easily; good eye-hand-foot-body coordination; and good visual concentra-

tion. Older adults need to take their changing vision into account to get the most out of sports. It is important to have the right lenses to meet the sport's demands on vision. A doctor of optometry can be consulted to insure better vision and more enjoyment for every older sports enthusiast.

### WALKING:

Over 40 percent of pedestrians killed each year are people over 45. They usually are crossing a street at or between an intersection. Aging vision changes may often be a contributing factor.

Older adults can help avoid pedestrian accidents by checking approaching traffic carefully; turning their head and eyes to look for turning cars; and checking again for traffic when mid-way across the street.

At night, older pedestrians, including joggers, can increase their visibility by wearing retroreflective trim on their clothing. Optometric studies show it is the only material safely visible to drivers even at high speed.

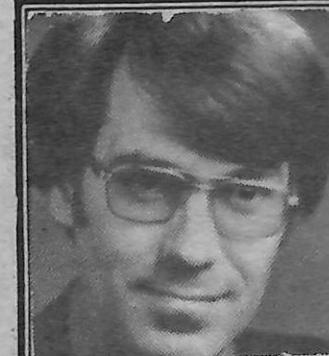
## Springfield YMCA Has Summer Camp Program

This summer the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will be offering challenging, exciting, and fun filled youth sports camps for kids ages 6 to 16 years old.

These camps include karate, which will be instructed by Jay Bradley, a second degree black belt and held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. August 19th to 23rd, or August 26th to 30th, for a fee of \$85.

A typical day will include forms, stretching, kicking, sparing, and recreational activities such as swimming and basketball.

The Wrestling Camp is being offered July 22nd to 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This camp will be instructed by Pat Hughes, a graduate of Springfield College, and a two-time All American wrestler. A typical practice will include warm-ups, new skill development, wrestling practice, and strategies for boys ages 6 to 16. The fee is \$50.



## YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

By Dr. Stephen Jacaparo  
DMD

### The Villain Tartar

For those people hooked on trivial pursuit, here's a little information that may come in handy.

Calculus or tartar is an unattractive deposit, light yellow to dark brown, that edges the gumline.

Any age person, even a young child, can collect it. Soft sticky foods help form calculus' first layers. Made up of water, plus organic and inorganic materials, calculus collects and combines with microorganisms, dead cells, and other mouth wastes.

Mostly, it's made up of calcium deposited by saliva. Initially, calculus is soft enough to brush away, but in time it hardens, making removal far more difficult.

Calculus harms the bones and gums around the teeth by pushing gums back, creating pockets where more calculus forms and germs and pus collect.

People's mouths vary in their calculus-making abilities. Some have very little; others make a great deal. Regular prophylaxis by a dentist or hygienist can remove it.

If you are wondering about the pockets just mentioned, look at any healthy mouth and you see teeth hugged closely by surrounding gum tissue in the way a turtleneck collar hugs a person's neck.

But teeth and gums that are neglected or given improper care are an open invitation to harmful bacteria. When these dastardly germs invade a territory, gums pull away from their snug fit around teeth and form periodontal pockets.

Toothbrushes and floss can't go deep enough to clean out the pockets. The bacteria breed, causing still further infection.

Periodontal surgery may be required to eliminate the pockets and bring the affected areas back to normal.

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## Agawam Congregational Church Bible School

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# Arts



## PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit  
Entertainment Editor

### The Emerald Forest: 1½ STARS

Based on a true story, this drama begins with an American engineer, Bill Markham (Powers Boothe), who goes to Brazil to help with the construction of a hydroelectric dam on the Amazon River.

But, while on a picnic with his wife and two children, Markham soon learns that his six year-old son Tommy has disappeared into one of Brazil's lush jungles.

After a ten-year search, the engineer discovers that his boy is alive and well among the "Invisible People," a group of benign Amazon Indians who are experts at stealth and camouflage.

However, a decade of living with the Invisible People has made 16 year-old Tommy (Charley Boorman) one of them, and Markham realizes that he can't bring his son back to civilization.

The best thing about *The Emerald Forest* is its vivid and colorful photography. The landscape and wildlife of the Amazon jungles are filmed with much attention to detail, and this quality evokes the savage beauty of an uncivilized environment.

Unfortunately, the picture lacks dramatic impact. Before the story is half over, Bill Markham finds his son and decides not to take him away from the Indians who have raised him for the past ten years.

And, since this conflict is resolved long before we leave the theatre, *The Emerald Forest* has a rushed feeling to it that prevents us from becoming emotionally involved with Markham's ten-year plight and its aftermath.

For the rest of the movie, director John Boorman (*Deliverance*, *Excalibur*) deals with the tribal rituals and religious beliefs of the Invisible People, as well as the dangers that they face from a warring band of Indians called the "Fierce People."

Not only does this portion of the film come across as a lackluster issue of *National Geographic* magazine, but it is also used as a soapbox for the director to stand on and sermonize about the encroachment of present-day technology on the timeless forces of Mother Nature.

### Explorers: 0 STARS

Directed by Joe Dante, who gave us the lamentable *Gremlins*, *Explorers* tells the story of three boys who go on an extraordinary adventure. At the start of the picture, one of the youngsters, Ben (Ethan Hawke), is dreaming about the components of a computer circuit board.

Upon hearing the details of this dream, Ben's whiz kid friend Wolfgang (River Phoenix) makes a working model of this circuit board, and this device enables his personal computer to create a self-enclosed force field that's able to defy gravity.

With the help of a third lad, Darren (Jason Presson), Ben and Wolfgang raid a junkyard and assemble a flying craft out of miscellaneous metal parts. But, once the boys make their slapdash vehicle airborne with the computer-generated force field, they are eventually contacted by an alien spaceship and are brought aboard this otherworldly ship to meet its occupants.

*Explorers* is the kind of science fiction movie which gives science fiction a bad name. Its plot is totally farfetched in the first place, and this implausibility is aggravated by the film's total lack of logic.

For example, the boys' homemade craft is comprised of a seat that came from an amusement park ride, a trash can, a television set, and other discarded scraps.

Yet, we're able to believe in this contraption's ability to leave the ground because of the presence of the gravity-defying force field.

However, all credibility goes out the window in a scene where the force field surrounding the craft is turned off while the craft is travelling in the stratosphere. Because of the intense air pressure that exists in this upper portion of the Earth's atmosphere, the youngsters' junky vessel should have been instantly destroyed once the force field stopped working.

Rather, in defiance of all logic, the craft plummets back to Earth and sustains no major damage in the process.

But, the worst thing about *Explorers* is what happens once Ben, Wolfgang, and Darren are on the alien spaceship. The extraterrestrials whom they encounter are goofy-looking creatures who aren't in the least bit believable, and one of them does nothing but recite lines from old television programs and commercials.

At first, this scene is amusing because we realize that these aliens have been monitoring our television transmissions for years and actually think that earthlings speak as they do on television.

Within a very short time, however, these otherworldly impersonations grow monotonous and ultimately render the film idiotic, mindless, and totally nauseating to watch.

### Silverado: 4 STARS

Thus far the most exciting picture of 1985, this Western centers on four brave and noble gunfighters (Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Danny Glover, and Kevin Costner) and their exploits on their way to and in a town named Silverado.

Directed and co-written by the multi-talented filmmaker Lawrence Kasdan (*Body Heat*, *The Big Chill*) who also wrote *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and co-wrote the last two *Star Wars* epics, *Silverado* is a rip-roaring movie that has the heart and flavor of the great Westerns of Hollywood past.

Like classics such as *Stagecoach*, *High Noon*, and *Shane*, this film depicts the American West of the post-Civil War era as a rugged land that constantly tests a person's courage, honesty, fortitude, and willingness to come to the aid of those who are in need of help.

And, for those people who overcome the obstacles which this environment puts in their way, the West provides a strong sense of pride and accomplishment.

In addition to having beautiful photography, *Silverado* features first-rate acting by the entire cast. Each of the performers, regardless of the size of his or her role, makes a contribution to the picture's robust atmosphere and brings his or her character to life as fully as possible.

Far better than Clint Eastwood's occasionally lifeless *Pale Rider*, *Silverado* is the kind of Western which would have pleased and entertained the late John Wayne. Besides giving us heroes whom we can enthusiastically cheer for, the film proves that, at its best, the Western is one of Hollywood's most exhilarating and enjoyable genres.

#### \*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*The Emerald Forest*: Rated R, but its non-erotic, *National Geographic*-style nudity and occasional violence are more appropriate for a PG-13 nudity.

—*Explorers*: Though it has a PG rating, this movie is basically G-rated fare that's geared towards very young filmgoers. (In this case, however, G can also stand for garbage).

—*Silverado*: Rated PG-13 for its many scenes of violence, but still suitable for pre-teens and younger children who aren't easily disturbed by violent physical action.

## Historical Museum Reopens Second Floor

Craftsmen of the Connecticut Valley is the theme in the recently re-opened second floor gallery of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Examples of the fine workmanship in silver, pewter, and wood; and artworks in canvas, ivory, and paper will illustrate the high level of skill demonstrated in the work of 18th and 19th century valley artists and artisans.

Highlighted is the museum's most recent purchase, the tall-case clock made by Jacob Sargeant (1761-1843). This exciting acquisition, a beautiful example of Connecticut Valley craftsmanship, has an engraved silvered brass dial, signed by Jacob Sargeant/Springfield, surrounded by engraved swags and floral vine motifs typical of the Federal period.

Also on view will be examples of work by Springfield cabinetmakers Pelatiah Bliss (1770-1826) and William Lloyd (active c 1802 to 1820).

Fine examples of valley pewter and silver, and the products of area artists, are among the recently cleaned and conserved artifacts that will be freshly labeled.

This new installation is part of the historical museum's plan, begun over two years ago, to revitalize and update the interpretation at the museum.

Volunteer docents will staff the gallery on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to give more detailed information about the collections, and to answer visitors' questions.

The museum is open to the public at no charge Tuesday to Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

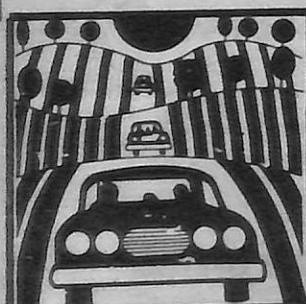
The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

## Agawam Hi-Lighters Schedule Dance At Stanley Park

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, July 27th, at Stanley Park, Westfield, at 7:30 p.m.

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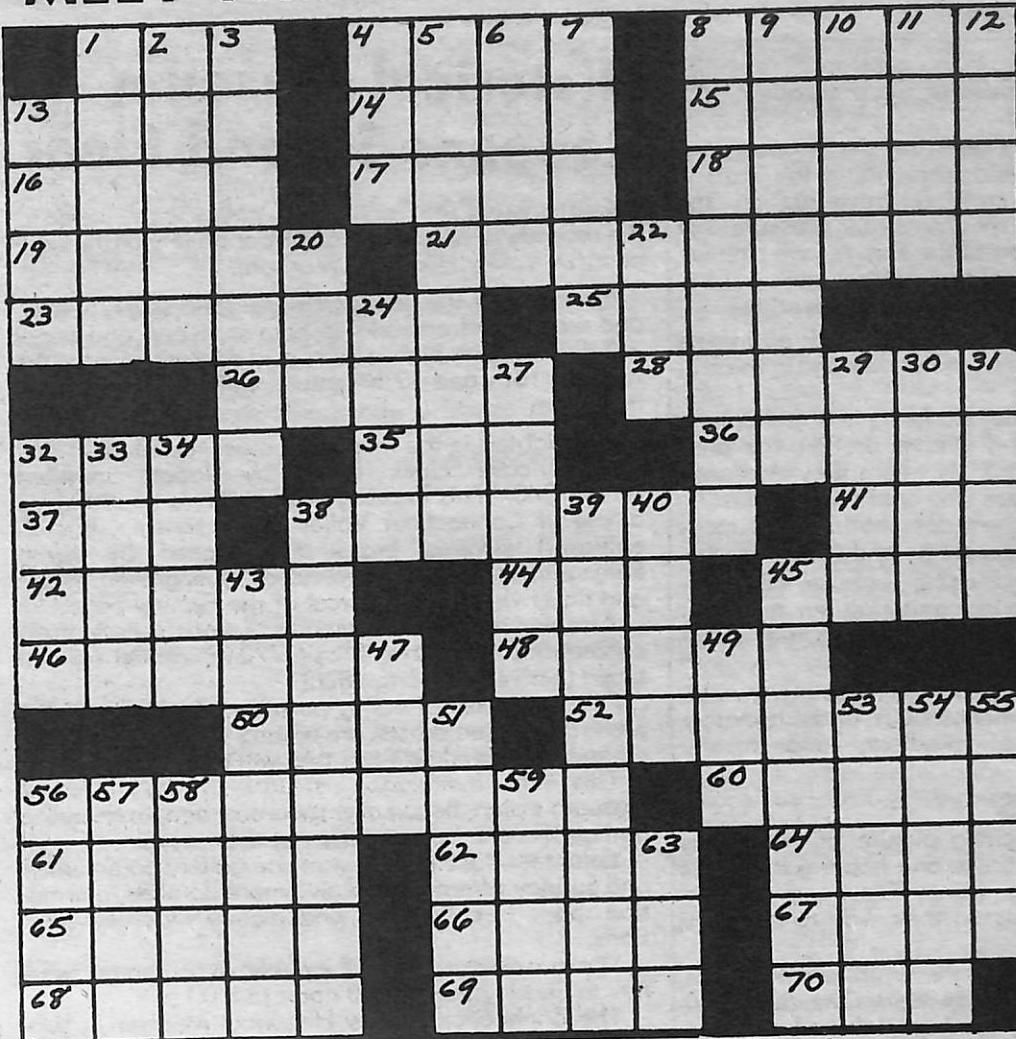
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## "Real Steel" - Calyso Band To Be Featured At Riverfront

The calypso drum beats of Real Steel will be featured Saturday, July 20th, at the Summer Sounds concert at Riverfront Park at 7:30 p.m. The park is located in Downtown Springfield, with the Connecticut River as the backdrop. All Summer Sounds concerts are free and open to the public.

These West Indian musicians are expanding a Caribbean folk music tradition begun at the end of World War II, when the U.S. Navy left behind great numbers of empty fifty-five gallon oil drums.

Experimenting with the drums, Trinidadians fashioned a sophisticated musical instrument, a steel pan, which produces a full chromatic range of notes that exceeds seven octaves.

The quality of sound achieved is extraordinary — bold percussive, yet rich and subtle.

Steel drum music has been one of the most popular concerts in the series in past years and Real Steel's talent promises to continue the popularity.

The 12-member band is led by Denzil Botis who hails from Trinidad. The group has performed together since 1983, presenting concerts at the International Institute of Boston, Wheaton, Wellsley, and Boston Colleges, Earthwatch, the Cambridge River Festival, and as far south as Norfolk, Virginia.

The group plays popular music arrangements as well as calypso, and can make the drums sound like dozens of other traditional instruments simply by varying the position that the mallets strike them.

Upcoming Summer Sounds concerts include the Irish music of the Dustmen on July 27th, and the 50's sounds of the Crescents on August 3rd.

Summer Sounds is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs and is paid for in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

## Catholic Women's Club Plans Annual Fall Festival Of Crafts

**WANTED:** Talent craftspeople. **WHEN:** October 19th, 1985. **WHERE:** St. John's Parish Center, Main Street, Agawam. **WHY:** The Agawam Catholic Women's Club is holding its annual Fall Festival of Crafts. Past festivals have been enjoyed by many and have become a yearly event that many look forward to.

Craftspeople interested in reserving space for the show should contact Dee Cleary at 789-2164 or Kathy Bousquet at 786-2844.

Due to the tremendous response of past years, craftspeople will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Categories and spaces are limited, so get your applications in as soon as possible.

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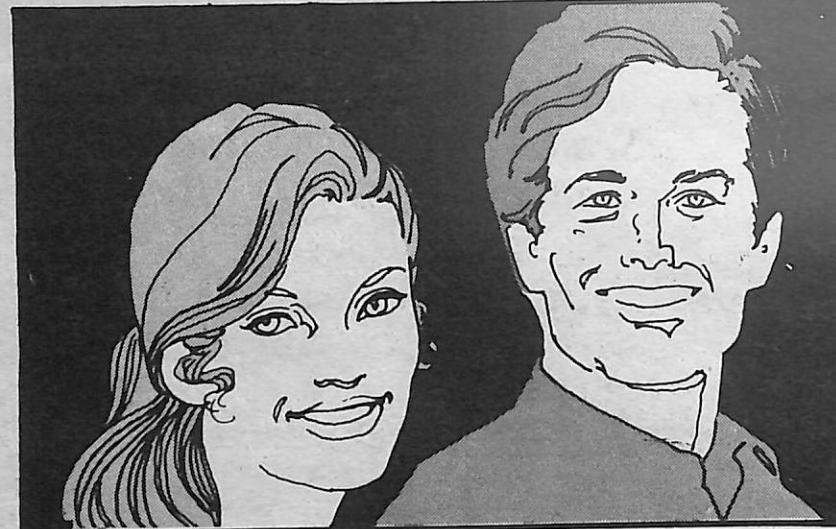


**THE MUSIC CELLAR**, a local business that teaches various musical instruments to young people, held their spring recital on June 19th. The staff of the Music Cellar includes Ellen Stocum, director; Arthur Clark, and Susan Cortesi, piano and organ; Edna Sullivan, bayon, keyboard; Ken Hall, guitar; and David Andry, drums. In photo above are the students who participated in the spring recital. For information about lessons, call 789-2646 and ask for Ellen Stocum. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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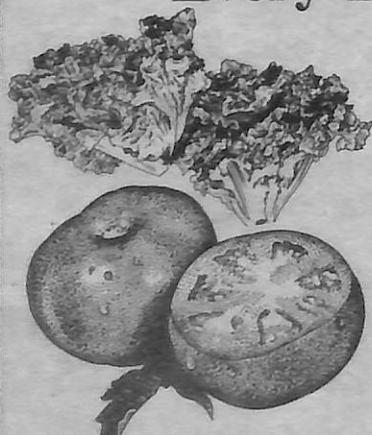
**BUGGING AROUND AT PHELPS SCHOOL** are, from left - Billy Leung, Robert Finck, Kim McKay, Jeff Leone, and Paul Klisiewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AMY GRIMALDI, BLAYNE ROBINSON, Jeffrey Campbell, Katie Poulos, and Cubby Hogan are portraying pesty bugs in the Phelps School musical production held on June 13th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Insect World Explored By Phelps Students In Music Production

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Holding signs declaring "Equal Rights For Bugs," "Take A Bug To Lunch," and "Have You Hugged A Bug Today," the insect world recently marched to our nation's capital to promote passage of a Bugs Bill Of Rights.

The insect rally was actually the theme of a third grade musical production by students of Janet Wysocki and Eleanor Case at Benjamin Phelps School.

Costumed in wings, antennae, and a multitude of legs, the third graders presented "Goin Buggy," Thursday, June 13th, before an audience comprised of fellow schoolmates, faculty members, and invited guests.

Set in a flower garden, the 30-minute production illustrated the plight of the insect world as recounted by several of its illustrious members.

Among these were spiders, bees, caterpillars, ladybugs, ants, crickets, and fireflies.

Noting that insects usually have negative images, several members described their usefulness to farmers and consumers.

Lively dance routines, amusing songs, and poetic recitations also highlighted the afternoon production.

Traveling to Washington D.C., the insects petitioned their Congressman for the right to vote and requested to have "cricket" named as the national sport.

The musical concluded with cast members imparting to the audience their motto, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Bugginess."

Both third grade teachers gratefully acknowledged the assistance of teachers Kathy Mutti and Thais Wright who created the student's imaginative costumes.

They also thanked elementary teacher Lee Files for providing the show's musical accompaniment.

## Special Program For Families

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a special program for families entitled, "Lost In Space," to be held on Friday evening, July 19th, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. This program is open to the public and reservations are required by July 16th.

During "Lost In Space," participants can spend an evening becoming acquainted with the nighttime sky.

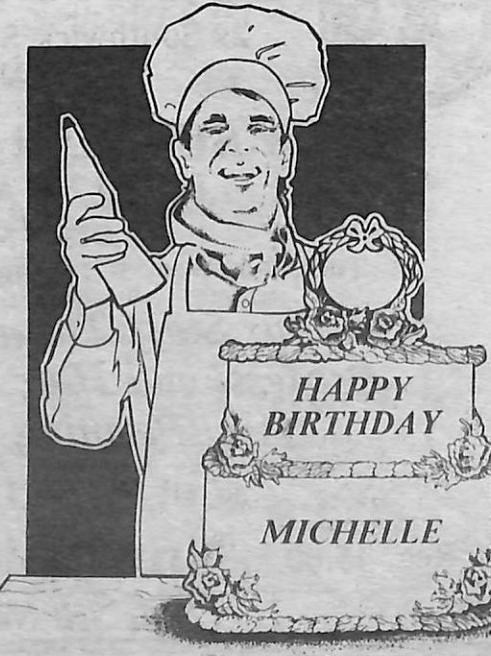
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## Florence Wojnarowicz Retires From Middle School Cafeteria



**LONG-TIME AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA WORKER** Florence Wojnarowicz was feted at a retirement party by friends, colleagues, and family last month. In photo at right, Florence is pictured with her son, Fred, at her retirement party. In photo at left, Florence is in her familiar middle school kitchen working hard to prepare the day's meal for the hungry schoolchildren. This photo was taken the last week of Florence's employment for the School Department. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High School Honor Roll

### Grade 11

Elizabeth Beaulieu, Kristy Bellini, Debora Brown, Christine Buley, Debra Campisi, Kelly Clarke, Robert Coelln, Gina Dialessi, Donna DiLullo, Cheril Doucette, Kimberly Downing, Lori Ehresman, Paul Enderle, Shaun Ferrendino, Barbara Garrity, Regina Ger, Thomas Gionfriddo, Karen Govoni, Timothy Hebert, Donald Hume, Michael Jemiolo, Cynthia Labonte, Catherine Landry, Jeffrey Lane, Michael McGrath, Lisa Markowski, Steven Milliken, Anthony Moccio, Jo-Ann Moccio,

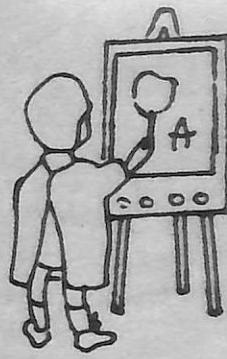
### Michele Montesi, Joseph Przeczeki, Janine Sadowski, Gina Serra, Cynthia Slate, Laurie Sorel, Tamara Stone, Richard Vezis, Kevin Voyer, Lisa Waniewski, Mark Windoloski, Timothy Zambelli, Lisa Ziegert, and Wendi Zymroz.

### Grade 10

Tracy Armstrong, Jane Barrett, Joseph Baruffaldi Jr., Heidi Birchall, Michele Blanchard, Jennifer Brantley, Thomas Briggs, Laurie Brunelle, Maureen Burns, Nicholas Carra, Mark Charest, Anna Chiarella, James Cook,

Karen Dabrowski, Jon Daniels, Thomas Denardo, Stephan Douglass, Frank Evangelista, Susan Fassnacht, Danielle Fieldstad, Amy Golemo, Carolyn Jochim, Anthony Joseph, Karen Kilian, Thomas King, Andrew Gentile, Patricia Lawrence, Eric Lubarsky, Kathleen McCarthy, Gina Maloney, Jay Martineau, Angela Mastromatteo, David Payne, Judith Pignatare, James Puhala, Cynthia Rosner, Scott St. Hill, Peter Scheidle, John Smidt, Jennifer Souders, Rebecca Turner, Christine Walsh, Lynne Waryasz, Leigh Whittaker.

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Kimberly Hebert, Cynthia Jochim, \*Susan Joseph, Karin Krohne, \*Marie Kubik, \*Karen Larrivee, \*Karen McCarthy, \*Beth McEwan, Erica Marieb, \*Christine Morassi, \*Shelly Morris, \*Hollie Nading, Mark Paskowsky, Ronald Pioggia, John Prendergast, Tricia Rea, \*Jeffrey Retzler, Michael Robbins, Kim Satkowski, Andrea Scalise, Jennifer Scalise, Christine Scherpa, Christine Schoenborn, \*Amy Shroeder, \*Tracy Scirpo, Lawrence Sheehan, Melissa Silk, Kristy Wage, \*Kimberly Zielinski, Wendy Ziembra.

### \* Honor Roll (all four times)

### Grade 9

Christine Almquist, \*James Anderson, Melissa Barr, Jennifer Beaulieu, Eric Brown, William Cahill, Kristi Candido, Frank Casey, Deborah Chartier, Joseph Chiarella, Lisa Connery, Alicia Corso, Daniel Czepiel, Katherine Deliso, Paul Deveno, Kirsti Duni, Christine Drew, Robert Drew, Kelly Easter, \*Lori Easton, Jeremy Gentile, Kurt Hanson, Michaeline Holland, Samantha Impoco, Natalie Jacobus, Melissa Kamp, Kelly Kamyk, Joseph Kosinski, \*Henry Kozloski, Gregory Leighton, Gina Lewis.

\*Anne Llewellyn, James Longhi, Jeffrey Mackechnie, Frank Moccio, Edward Modzelewski, Marlo Montesi, Melanie Moodie, Barbara Moreau, Melissa Morin, Shirley Noah, Jennifer O'Connor, Sandra O'Keefe, \*Christopher Ollari, Carol Pignatara, Christopher Provost, Elizabeth Regish, Mary Ribeiro, Anthony Ronghi, Rebecca Runshaw, Jayson St. Jacques, Karen Shevey, Jacqueline Shugart, Robert Stack, Gloria Trolio, Peter Vecchiarelli, Lori Waniewski, John Welch, Amy White, Frank Windoloski, Karen Wright.

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## HCC Offers Course For St. David's Church Has Women In Transition August Bible School

Holyoke Community College is currently accepting applications for the Fall, 1985, semester for the "Women in Transition Program." Classes are scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 3rd.

The Women in Transition Program is designed to encourage adult women to continue their education on the college level. Flexibility and a network of support are built into the program, so as to ease the transition for adult women from homemaker and/or employee to part-time student.

Four programs leading to the associate degree are offered through Women in Transition: Women in Arts and Science, Women in Health, Women in Business, and Women in Business Data Processing. Classes for the program meet three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) and are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The workload includes three courses: two core courses as required by the particular program and a related elective, with special sections of two of those three courses.

In addition, prior to enrolling in the program, it's recommended that students enroll in a special "How to Study" course, scheduled before the semester actually begins. The program also allows for a weekly conference period for all Women in Transition students to share their concerns, to provide mutual support and to receive assistance in career and curriculum planning.

The only requirement for the Women in Transition Program is a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Applicants must also have a personal interview whose purpose is simply to outline the program in more depth and to discuss a prospective student's needs and interests.

Financial aid is available to any woman who is eligible. Four to six weeks are necessary to process the financial aid forms.

Women interested in this program should contact Jean Goodwin, coordinator of Women in Transition and Holyoke Community College, 538-7000, extension 346.

St. David's Episcopal Church of Feeding Hills announces its 1985 Vacation Bible School to be held August 19th to 23rd.

Children from ages three to sixth grade are to be included.

"Fun and adventure are coming to St. David's, and everyone in the community at-large is invited to attend our all-new Vacation Bible School," said the Reverend Len Cowan, pastor. "You can add new meaning to your life and the lives of your children as you participate in 'Discovering God's Love on Son-Rise Island,' added Bible School Coordinator Linda Birk. The school's theme comes from 1 Corinthians 13, a Biblical passage describing God's love.

The program features a beautiful island motif which creates an atmosphere of joy, including life-related Bible Study, creative crafts, fun games, lively songs, and planned recreation.

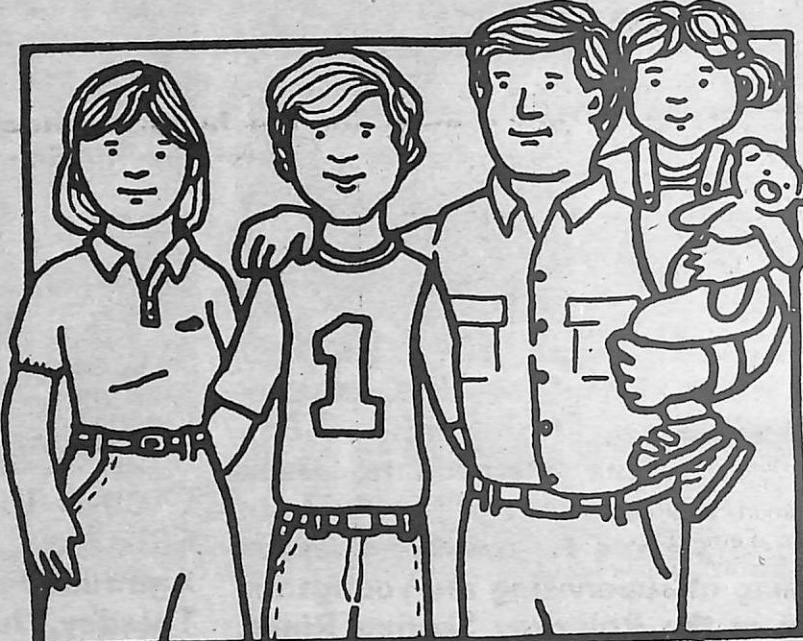
"We want everyone to discover the treasure of God's love as they share the experience of working, playing, learning, and loving together," concluded Reverend Cowan.

The Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, August 19th, and continues to Friday, August 23rd. Classes are held at the church at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, daily from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$3 per child, and \$2 for each additional child in the same family.

Also, an exciting "Treasure Hunt" Carnival will be held at the church on Saturday, August 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring games, a car wash, a bake sale, and an opportunity to register children for the Bible School.

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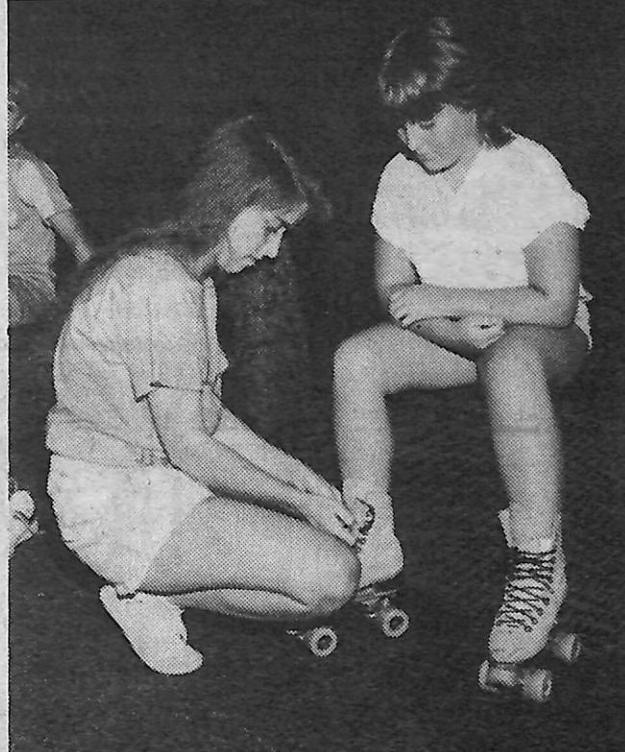
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**EVERY TUESDAY AT THE AGAWAM ROLLAWAY,** participants in the town's Summer Day Camp enjoy rollerskating. In this photo, owner and operator Susan Maiolo serves refreshments to camp counselor Gina Ferraro and camper David Blomstrand. Looking on is James Maiolo, who for 47 years has worked in the business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM PARK & REC CAMP COUNSELORS,** from left - Bob Kudelski, Jolene Mercadante, Dean Poggi (assistant director), and Maria Kozloski prepare for another Tuesday morning of supervising the youngsters while at the Rollaway Skating Rinks, on skates, of course. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**LACING UP THE SKATES OF AMY GRIMALDI** is Lea-Ann Sibilia of the Agawam Park & Rec Department on Tuesday, July 16th at the Rollaway Skating Rink. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Park & Rec Again Has Fun-Filled Summer For Town's Youth

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department sponsored Summer Day Camp for town children, ages 6-15, offers a structured program and whole host of new trips and activities this year, according to P&R Director Jack Kunasek.

The seven-week program, which runs until August 16th, just completed its third week at Shea's Field. The camp accommodates over 200 youngsters each week. Kunasek said the program is booked solid for the entire summer.

"We must be doing something right," Kunasek told us. "We're at our peak of capacity right now. We've change to a more structured format this year. We've also increased the number of trips and events. The kids respond to the new trips because it adds some variety to their regular program."

The camp is directed by Maurice "Gus" Young and assisted by Dean Poggi. This is Poggi's fourth year as a counselor, but his responsibilities shifted in 1985 in order to alleviate some of the burden on Young's shoulders.

Assisting both Young and Poggi are 16 college-age counselors that work in eight groups of two counselors each. In addition, there are 10 CETA (federal program) workers who aide the counselors.

"We've got a real good crew of counselors this summer," said Young. "Each counselor is responsible for their own group of kids by keeping a strict count of them all the time and providing their own individual schedules of activities. The trips and special events gives the campers more variety in the program."

Several of the new trips this summer include visits to the Springfield Planetarium, the new Basketball Hall of Fame, the Holyoke Children's Museum, as well as regular excursion across town to the Agawam Rollaway Skating Rink every Tuesday.

"I think the trips are the greatest part of the camp. It gives the kids a nice variety of activities in addition to their regular daily program," added Poggi.

Keeping the kids busy and interested every day is the aim of the program, points out Young. "Through different games and activities, we try to keep the kids physically active. We also use passive games to keep them interested as well."

The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The town offers a pick-up and delivery service to campers, although some do get their own rides to and from Shea's Field.

Other activities scheduled for the kids this summer are the annual picnic and penny carnival near the end of the program; movies and swimming at the state pool every afternoon; and instructional mini-camps in soccer and baseball.

"By the end of the summer, we see a lot of sad faces when it comes time to leave. We take that as a plus for our program," said Poggi. "It gives us the feeling we're making the summer worthwhile for them. Also, many of us get very attached to the kids and I think the feeling is mutual in many cases."

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## Ronald Morisette Wins Leroy E. Dettman Scholarship

Ronald Morisette of Agawam is among 88 students nationwide who have been selected to receive scholarship grants from the Leroy E. Dettman Foundation, Inc.

The Dettman Foundation is a Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based charitable scholarship fund. It was organized by the late Leroy E. Dettman, founder, former owner, and chairman of the board of Personnel Pool of America, Inc., one of the nation's largest temporary service companies.

The Dettman Foundation awarded a total of \$122,000 in scholarships for the 1985/86 academic year.

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Morisette is the son of Evelyn Morisette, a home health aide employed by Medical Personnel Pool in Agawam.

Applications for scholarships for the 1986/87 academic year will be available to Medical Pool employees this fall.

## Town Residents Attain Dean's List At AIC

American International College named 290 students to the Dean's List for the spring 1985 semester.

Students who qualified for the Dean's List are full-time undergraduates with a grade point average of at least 9.0 out of a possible 12 points.

The Dean's List at AIC is issued by the deans of the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Psychology and Education, as well as by the director of the Division of Nursing.

School of Arts & Sciences: Debra A. Beauregard, 15 Lawnwood Street; James J. Frogameni, 43 Central Street; Marion L. Margosiak; Yvette J. Belisle, 680 Springfield Street.

School of Business Administration: Joy R. Brouwer, 96 Pecos Drive; Frank S. Cardaropoli, 33 Peros Drive; Susanna Santaniello, 31 Barn Road; Michael R. Charest, 69 Hastings Street.

School of Psychology & Education: Jane A. Burgess, 38 Roberta Circle; Pamela D. Wylie, 46 Greenacre Lane; Sophia A. Maynard, 38 Brookline Avenue.

Division of Nursing: Jodi E. Anderson, 38 Rowley Street; Michelle M. St. Pierre, 220 Leonard Street.

## Nancy Roy SMU Graduate In School Of Nursing

Nancy Roy graduated from Southeastern Massachusetts University at the June 2nd commencement with a degree in nursing.

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## "Urban Wildlife" Program At Laughing Brook

"Urban Wildlife" will be a special program for families sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden on Saturday, July 20th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The program will begin at the Mary Lynch School on North Branch Parkway in Springfield. "Urban Wildlife" is open to the public and reservations are required by July 17th.

Participants will start the day with a pleasant ramble in search of "urban wildlife" right in Springfield's own backyard. Even within this highly urban setting, there

are areas which provide homes for wildlife that are usually thought of as denizens of the country.

The area which borders the South Branch Parkway contains many wildlife species beyond the expected gray squirrels, pigeons, starlings, and mourning doves. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Binoculars, field guides, and cameras are advised.

Leader for "Urban Wildlife" will be Jack McLaren, Laughing Brook's animal caretaker and naturalist.

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# Sports

## Desi's Rocks Village In Women's Slo-Pitch

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Colleen Ferri accounted for seven of Desi Place's 11 runs and also excelled defensively in leftfield to spark her team a riveting, 11-1 triumph over first place Village Lounge in Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League action on Monday, July 15th at Harmon Smith Field.

The win puts Desi's at 13-6 and in second place while Village stands at 15-4, two games in front.

Desi's, coached by Peter Martinello, cruised to a 10-0 lead before Village scored their only run, a sacrifice fly by Lisa Cupillo in the top of the sixth.

Desi's hot-hitting Ferri drew much blood from Village with a thread-the-needle, three-run homer between center and rightfield in the first inning. She connected again to left centerfield where her single was misplayed and consequently, three more Desi's runs scored.

The windy high school field played many tricks with the ball all night, but Ferri covered much turf and made several running catches to totally frustrate Village.

Desi's racked up three more runs in taking no prisoners in the bottom of the fourth. A sacrifice fly by Judy Driscoll, a single by Donna Martinello, and another basehit by Ferri, inflicted more damage.

In the bottom of the fifth, third baseman Tammy Szydlo led-off with a solo homer to leftfield and in the sixth, shortstop Reanne Burke also launched another solo job to cap Desi's scoring.

Winning pitcher Katie Davidson held the normally hard-slugging Village people to just six hits (thanks in part of Ferri). Darcy Galaneau and Marcia Atwater each had two hits for the losers, while Leslie Plante and Diane Kwarciany each had one.

## Billy T's Take Sliech; But Bow To Supreme

Homeruns by Noreen Brown and Sue "Red" Dubuc powered a good effort by Billy T's as they downed Sliech Auto Body in a key Division B contest in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League, 10-7 on Thursday, July 11th.

However, Billy T's lacked the offensive punch in a key loss to Supreme Court in a 8-4 setback on Tuesday, July 16th at the high school. They currently stand 15-3 at presstime while Supreme Court assumes the top dog role at 15-2. Sliech, right in the thick of things, is 14-3 is tied with Elbow Lounge for third place in the wild race between the league's four best teams.

Against Sliech Auto, Dubuc's two-run homer in the sixth proved to be the backbreaker. Noreen Brown knocked home three runs, including a solo homer in the fourth.

Defensive standouts for Billy T's were many as it was a solid team effort. Making key plays were Brown (LF), Brenda Thayer (SS), Carol Potvin (1B), and Marilyn Beck (RF).

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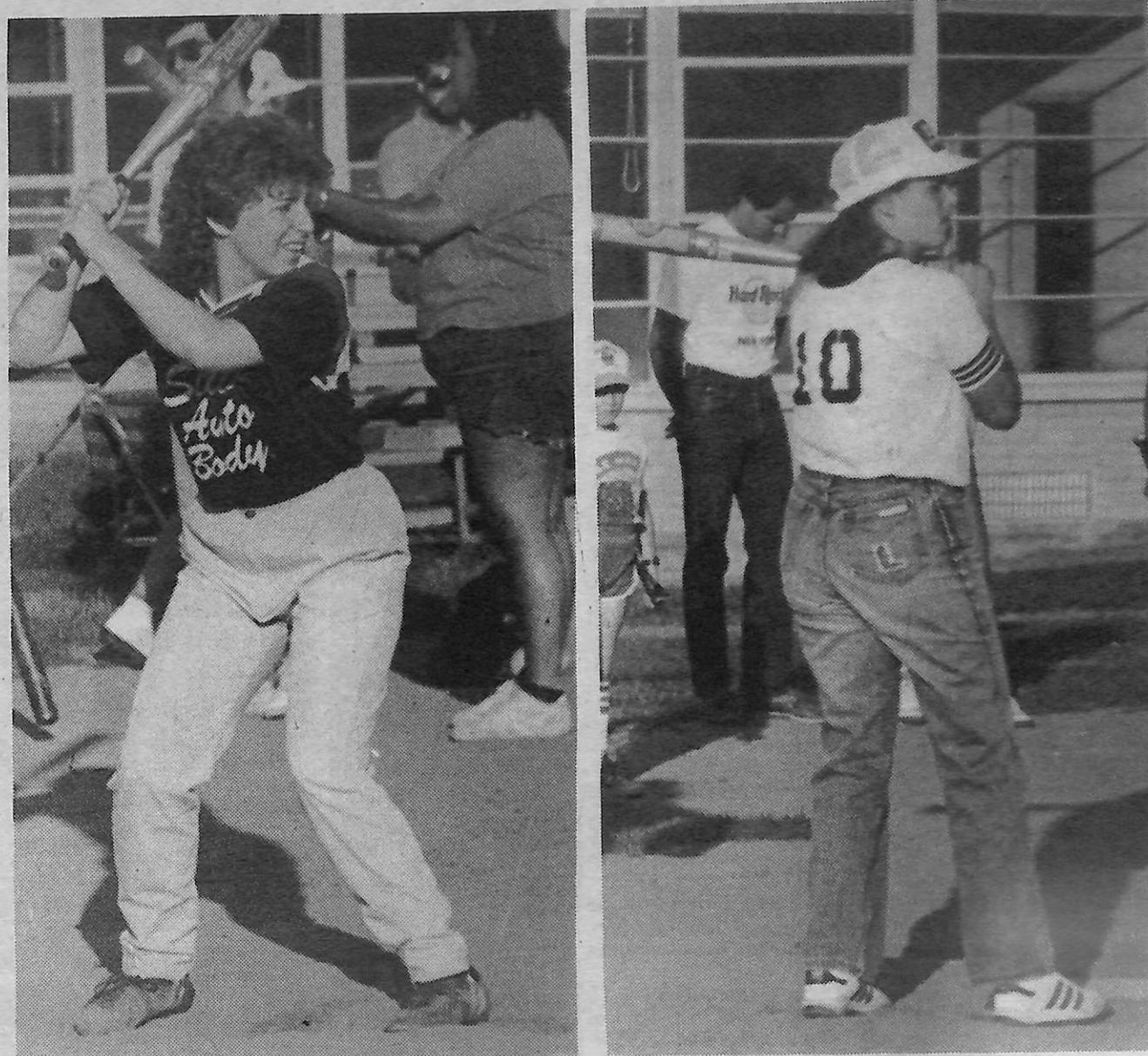


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**WAITING TO UNLOAD** on a moonball thrown by the opposing pitcher are Diane Goodman (left) and Julie Fife in the key Division B contest between Sliech Auto Body and Billy T's in the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League on Thursday, July 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Public Market Rallies Past Gino's In "B" Softball

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Consecutive run-scoring singles by Glen Cappola and Mike Fila, teamed with a triple by Joe Cabral with two-out in the fifth inning, proved to be the game-winners as Feeding Hills Public Market rallied past arch-rival Gino's Package Store, 11-9 on Tuesday, July 16th at Borgatti Park.

The win gives Brian Troie's squad a 13-6-1 record while Gino's dipped to 13-4-3 in the wild scramble in Division B-National of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

The Market found themselves in the hole by as many as five runs, but big safeties in the late innings, coupled with a shored-up defense powered them to the comeback victory.

It was 1-1 after two innings as a Tim Desmond fielder's choice scored Gino's initial run. Dom Pisano's sacrifice fly tied it for the Market.

Gino's broke for daylight in the top of the third with a five-run rally. It was sparked by Desmond's three-run triple over the left centerfielder's head.

Before that, Buddy Ramah ripped an RBI single to centerfield. After Desmond's powerplay, Keith Grochal plated him with a safety.

The Market fought right back with a four-run spurt in their half of the third. Pisano and Jim "The Squirrel" Melloni each smashed singles to score important runs.

The fourth frame was productive for both teams as they each notched three runs to keep it a barnburner (9-8 Gino's).

A Bobby Eggleston RBI and an error off a Ramah bloop to rightfield gave Gino's their tallies.

Lead-off hitter Joe Cabral's infield hit to shortstop scored Fila, who had tripled deep to leftfield. Chris "Homerun Hout" nailed a sacrifice fly to centerfield and Crane Williamson came through with a clutch, run-scoring single.

**TRI-COUNTY SALES 5-GRIMALDI OILERS 4:** Player/coach Gil Doe's sacrifice fly to leftfield in the bottom of the sixth scored Bob Hubbard, who had doubled, lifting Tri-County Sales to an exciting, 5-4 victory over Grimaldi's Gamblers on Tuesday, July 16th in Division B-American of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

The much-needed win neared Tri-County to the .500 plateau at 10-11. Grimaldi's dropped to 13-8 at presstime, hurting their chances in the race for a top playoff position.

Grimaldi's jumped out to a quick but short-lived, 2-0 lead in the first. Tri-County snapped right back with RBI's from Hal Drowne and Joel Brothers.

Grimaldi's regained the lead at 4-2 in the fourth, but single runs in the fourth and fifth frames evened the game at 4-4 to set the table for Doe in the bottom of the sixth.

**DILLONS LOUNGE 5-JESSICA'S LOUNGE 3:** It was a "revenge victory" for Dillon's Lounge when they dumped Jessica's Lounge, 5-3 on Monday, July 16th at Borgatti Park, in more Division B action.

Jessica's blasted Dillons, 12-2 the first time the two rivals met.

Coach Terry Mancusco's charges stand at 13-9 at presstime, while Jessica's fell further into the second division at 7-12.

Both teams relied on the key defensive plays to keep it close. Dillons used a 6-4-3 double play in the second and a 4-4-3 double play to end the game.

Dillons most consistent hitter, George Skovera, who is hitting over .600, went 3-3 with two singles and a triple. He tallied a pair of runs and added an RBI. Teammate Mike Bousquet enjoyed similar success with a 3-3 performance (all singles) and two RBI's.

Dillons opened up their scoring in the first when Craig Tomkins led-off with a walk and was followed by Skovera's single. Bousquet sent both of them across with plate with a safety.

In the third inning, pitcher Andy Goins, who allowed only eight hits, notched a hit and was plated by Skovera's booming triple. Third baseman Bill Goodwin also added a sacrifice fly.

In the last frame, extra-hitter Mancusco reached first on a single, went to second on an error, and then scurried to third on a ground-out. Pinch-hitter Tommy Sticco added an insurance run when his infield hit scored Mancusco.

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# Dick Joseph's Powers Past Dante Club, 10-3

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Dick Joseph's, the Division A leader in the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League, considered one of the top teams in the entire state, has a knack for hitting the ball exactly where they want it to go.

DJ's put on an offensive and defensive clinic as they dumped sagging Dante Club, 10-3 on Tuesday, July 16th at Borgatti Park to raise the record to 18-4. Dante dropped to 13-9 and have fallen on hard times in recent weeks.

DJ's rolled out to a 7-2 lead after three innings and proceeded to shutdown Dante's offense. Extra-hitter Tom Smith knocked in a run with a safety in the sixth for Dante's to score their third and final run.

Prior to that, Dante's other two tallies came in the first on RBI's by Peter Deschene and T.J. O'Brien.

The offensive show by DJ's began in the first inning when extra-hitter Dick Stepanian, Dave Rice, and Bob Trombley (two RBI's) all contributed.

Rice and Trombley inflicted more damage in the third with a two-RBI double down the rightfield line and a run-scoring single, also to rightfield, respectively. This gave DJ's their 7-2 lead.

Eight DJ's players came up to bat in the top of the fourth when they tacked on two more insurance runs. Joe Tierney smacked an opposite field single to score a run and Stepanian added another RBI. Their final run was scored with a Landry single.

## When Agawam Wants Local News, They Read Us!!!

# Giles, Pignatire Excell At Bay State Games

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Former Agawam High School track & field sensation Venita Giles made an impressive showing at the prestigious Bay State Games, taking home one gold and two silver medals.

The games, similar to a mini-National Sports Festival for amateur athletes in Massachusetts, was held last weekend at Boston University.

Giles, a versatile track & field star, was one of only four competitors from Agawam to qualify for the Games. Also faring impressively was Judy Pignatire. Other locals to compete were Tina Pirnie (swim) and Jon Corso (track).

This was Giles' second appearance at the Bay State Games as she won two bronze medals in 1983. This summer, she was victorious in the long jump with a sterling jump of 17'11 1/4"; finished second in the 200 meters in 26.8; and was picked by the coaches to anchor the 4 x 100 meter relay team for the West-Central District. This team finished second in 51.2.

In order to qualify for the Games, track & field competitors had to place at the trials on June 15th at Fitchburg State College. There, Giles won the long jump (16'4") and the 200 meters (27.0).

Judy Pignatire, a most promising 800 meter specialist, finished an impressive fifth in 2:30 in her first time competing at the Games. At the trials, she took third to qualify.

Tina Pirnie, a standout with the high school team, raced to a personal best time in the 100 backstroke in 1:14 but finished back in the pack in the highly-competitive field.



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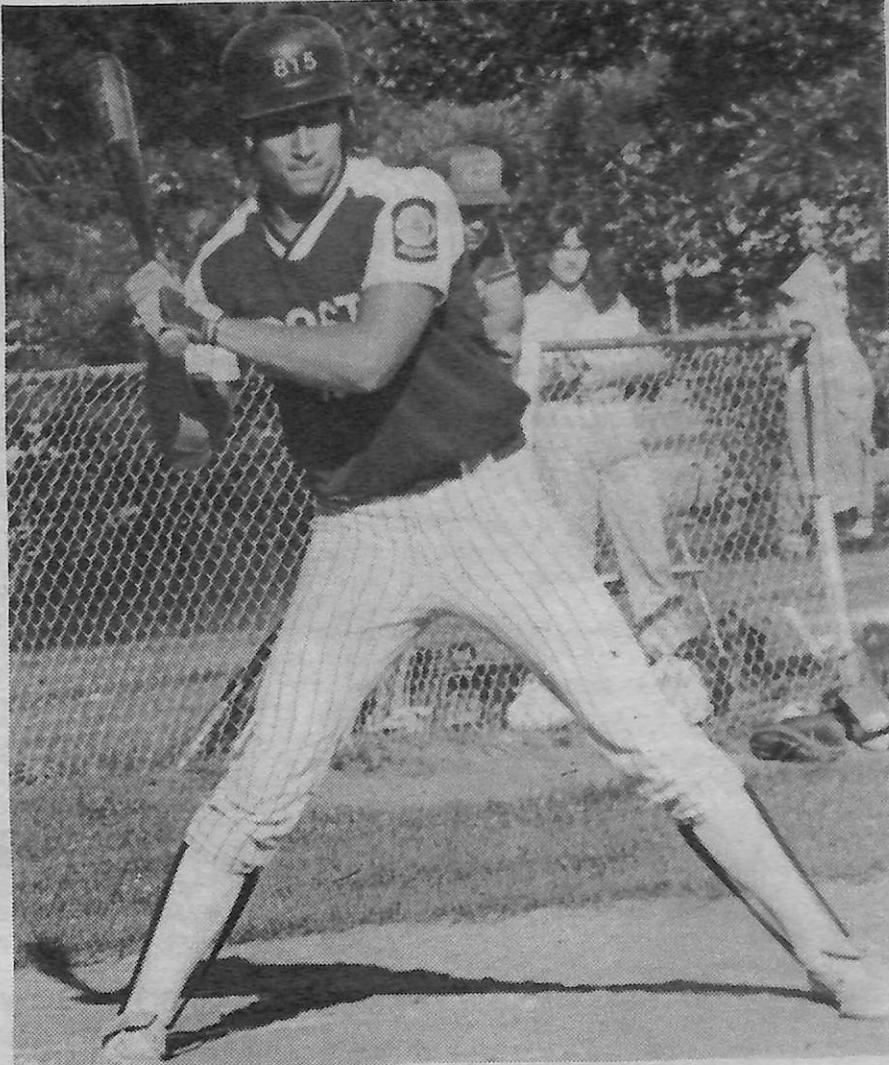


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**AGAWAM LEGION POST 185 catcher Bob Barbarini** in recent action for the locals. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MIKE SHAYDA** of Agawam Legion Post 185 watches carefully a pitch buzz by in action at Shea's Field last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Legion Sags In Round 2

The inability to assemble an all-around game - pitching, hitting, and defense - has kept Agawam Legion Post 185 out of the winners circle in the second round of baseball action.

A recent example was a 5-1 loss to undefeated Holyoke on Monday, July 15th, when Agawam pitcher Rick Stacy was superb, striking out seven in 7½ innings. But, his team only managed four hits.

The tough loss gives coach Bob Regish's squad an 0-4 record at

presstime. A game with Chicopee Center on Sunday, July 14th was postponed due to rain and was moved to Thursday, July 18th.

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winner in 11 innings.

Stacy held Holyoke to nine hits with his work. He was replaced by John Bubar, who shut them down for 1½ innings.

Agawam's lone run came in the eighth inning. Outfielder Tim Sheehan led-off with a walk and was moved to third on a single by shortstop Rob Regish. Second baseman Steve Jarvis, who had two of Agawam's four hits, knocked in Sheehan.

Holyoke's Jim Hart went the distance for the win.

JUDITH KELLIHER

"It's the same old story," said Regish. "When we get good pitching, we get no hitting, or vice versa. A couple of errors hurt us against Holyoke, too. Rick Stacy did an excellent job pitching but we had no hitting to support him."

The last time the two Legion teams met, Holyoke emerged a 6-5

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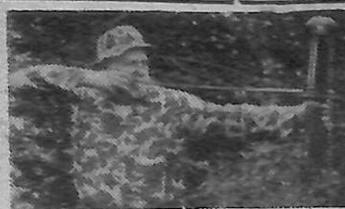
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## SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

### Fishing At Sodus Point

We arrived at the Bay Street Hotel at Sodus Point, New York, at 1:30 p.m., and checked in our gear. I made a call to Ron Jennings of Romulus, New York, the latter part of last week and he reported that the bait fish were out and the browns were in 10 to 20 feet of water. The fish were running up to 15 pounds.

A call to Billy DiSisto of Agawam and Rex Hryniwicz of Westfield and presto, plans were made. I called Doug McLeod at the hotel and reserved our accommodations.

I visited my friend, Oscar Fuerst, to get the latest on the lake and to see about a dock for my boat. Oscar had a spot and reported good catches by the charters. We were on the water by 2:30 p.m.

#### Fun Began Immediately

The fun began almost immediately. We had put our fly rods loaded with lead core line and mooselooks wobblers. Two colors of lead were in the water. My trolling speed was quite fast, a little over three on the Trollex.

This was the formula we used for the three-and-a-half days of fishing. We were in the 10 feet of water when the first brown hit my lure. Bill took the wheel of the boat and Rex handled the netting. The fish weighed close to seven pounds on the DeLiar scale.

By 5:00 p.m., we had six large browns in the box and Billy lost two at the boat. Strange, Rex did not have a hit. He complained about having to fish out the back of the boat, so I volunteered to fish out of the back the next day.



BILLY DISISTO of Agawam with part of his catch from Sodus Point.

The next morning the water was like a mirror with fog banks rolling to the east. We decided to travel out to the Thermal Bar and fish. It was about eight miles out. My wife's newly-acquired 65 horse Johnson put us on the bar in record time. The thermal bar is where water of 47 degrees Fahrenheit meets water of 39 degrees, in this particular case.

The depth of the water was 210 feet, yet the fish are on top. The bar looks like an oil slick with grass, wood, and other debris floating on the surface.

The fog was quite heavy and it was awesome to suddenly have a boat appear off your bow. A quick turn of the wheel and a collision was averted. We fished about an hour with no luck and decided to return towards shore and fish in 150 feet of water.

The last trip I made we took lakers and steelheads on top in that depth of water. The day was clear, the sky was blue and there were very few clouds. The wind started to work up when we hit the 150 foot depth. Rex had a fish on immediately; by the time we could land it, the wind was blowing quite strong. The fish was a steelhead and weighed eight pounds. The waves were now nearly 2½ feet. I decided to pull in the lines and to head for shore (about four miles away).

Within 30 minutes the water had worked up to four to five foot waves. It was hairy, to say the least. We were soaked by the time we got into calmer water on the east side of the channel. The back line took four fish in a row, the largest at 9½ pounds. Rex was talking to himself. He ended up with 11 fish in the box.

#### Filleted 11 Fish The Next Evening

The next day it was west, three miles to "Boulder." The water was choppy, an ideal condition for trolling browns and salmon. Rex and I had on a double and Billy's expertise with the net resulted in both fish going into the box. The back line still produced. We filleted 11 fish that evening.

We returned to "our fishing hole" the next morning very early. I approached from a different direction and when the boat hit 15 feet of water, the back pole's reel started singing as a large fish made off with the mooselook wobbler.

"Rex, grab that rod;" "grab it yourself," he replied. When he saw the size of the fish that I brought in, I believe he sort of wished he did grab the pole. Billy took the largest fish of the trip on the next run, a 13½ pound brown, and Rex caught an 8½ pound laker in 10 feet of water. All the fish were loaded with bait fish.

The total catch for the short time we were on Lake Ontario reached 31 browns, lakers and steelheads; all were taken on Mooselook Wobblers. My companions are looking forward to another excursion.

### Rolex Open Heart Open To Be Held At Crestview

Golfers from throughout Western Massachusetts will soon be "Swinging with Heart" during the 7th Annual Rolex Open Heart Open Golf Tournament."

This year's tournament will be held at Crestview Country Club on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The tournament will be held on Thursday, August 8th, and will begin at 1:00 p.m. A dinner, a raffle, and prizes (donated by area merchants) will follow.

The Rolex Open Heart Open, in cooperation with Frederick's Jewelers Incorporated, raised more than

\$18,000 last year and is expected to go over the \$20,000 mark for this year.

The money raised will benefit the American Heart Association and will be used to fund research, educational programs, and community services.

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# Scott Morrison Blossoms As Pro Trainer In L.A.

by Judith Kelliher

Advertiser News Sports Editor

"You can't beat experience," says former Agawam resident Scott Morrison, who is currently entering his fourth year as head athletic trainer for the Los Angeles Lazers professional indoor soccer team.

"I've learned a great deal since my first year with the Lazers. Now, I know the routine and the learning experience has helped me handle unexpected things that come up," adds Morrison, a 1976 graduate of Agawam High who recently returned to town to visit his parents.

The 27 year-old Morrison earned a physical education degree from Westfield State College in 1981, and continued his education at Portland State University (Oregon), earning his master's of science and teaching degree in 1982.

The next fall, he began his stint with the Lazers, a team that plays a 48-game schedule in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). Morrison also served as trainer for the Los Angeles Strings of the World Team Tennis League in the off-season of the Lazers.

### Right Place At Right Time

Being at the right place at the right time enabled Morrison to make a major career move at age 23. His "big break" came when former Feeding Hills resident Jack Curran, who recently retired as the head trainer for the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, invited him to work with the Lakers' Pro Basketball Camp in the summer of 1981.

That was Morrison's introduction to professional athletes.

"Jack Curran was my mentor and he gave me a chance to prove myself. He invited me to work with him and this led to my job with the Lazers," says Morrison. "I'll always be grateful to Jack Curran."

"Even though Jack helped me get the job, I had to work very hard to prove myself. That first year was very

tough, but I learned to stay on top of duties and budget my time," he tells us.

Being the athletic trainer for a professional team includes many hours of hard work, according to Morrison. He says a trainer must be a jack-of-all-trades in order to handle the vast responsibilities of the job.

His primary duty is to work on prevention of injury to the athletes by conditioning, flexibility programs, nutrition, and proper taping of ankles, arms, etc.

If a player is injured, it's his responsibility to get him back into playing shape as quickly and safely as possible. Morrison also works with physical therapists on the rehabilitation of injured players.

His duties also entail taking care of uniforms and supplies, as well as coordinating the travel arrangements of the team.

"I've got a lot of responsibility, but I've learned to be versatile. This job is much different than being a trainer for a high school or college team," says Morrison. "You can be subject to a lot of initial pressure. If you're organized, then it makes the job that much easier."

### Baptism Of Fire

Morrison's baptism of fire came in his first year with the Lazers. About half of the 20-member team were injured seriously enough to sideline them for a five-ten day period.

"There was a lot of pressure on me at that time. I really wanted to prove myself and make Jack Curran proud of me. That was the hardest and heaviest pressure I've faced. If it ever happens again, I'll be much better prepared," Morrison notes.

The Lazers coach, Peter Wall, who was named coach of the year in the MISL this past season, is high on Morrison's list of respected people.

"I really enjoy working with a coach who is such an

outstanding individual. He lets me do my job because he knows I can handle it," says Morrison.

The biggest thrill of Morrison's young career came in March 1984. Jack Curran was on the sick list for a day when the L.A. Lakers were to play the Houston Rockets at the Los Angeles Forum. Morrison assumed the head trainer duties for Curran that one game.

"That was definitely the biggest thrill for me so far," beamed Morrison. "No one got injured, but I was confident I could've handled my job. Even if I never do another professional basketball game, I always have that in my memory."

Another thrill, but a disappointment at the same time, was when Curran retired as the Lakers trainer and Morrison was one of two people considered for the job.

"I haven't had very many disappointments in my career, but I did consider not getting the job as a disappointment. The Lakers didn't hire me because of my inexperience," recalls Morrison. "This time I was again at the right place but was the wrong age. Still, even to be considered meant a lot to me."

As a compliment of his abilities as a trainer, Morrison was voted by other trainers in the MISL to be trainer for the league's All-Star team in his second year with the Lazers.

One goal burns in Morrison - that is to have the opportunity to work in the National Basketball Association (NBA). He said it would be extra-special if it were with the Lakers.

"I also want to be up with the times. Sports medicine is such a growing field that new methods of treating injuries are always being developed. I want to be sure I'm right up there with the best possible means," Morrison says.

He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Morrison of 135 School Street.

## AAA Gals Excell In Suburban Softball

The Agawam Athletic Association girls' softball team recently beat Longmeadow, 12-6 at Turner Park on Wednesday, July 10th, to take over sole possession of first place in the Pioneer Valley Girls' Softball (13-15 Division) League.

Agawam, trailing 6-5 going into the last inning, came up with seven runs to put the game away. Carolyn Jochim (3-3 and four runs scored) led-off the seventh inning with a line double to left. Becki Runshaw pitched a solid game and went the distance, giving up five hits and striking out four batters.

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The locals have had to come-from-behind to win against two other tough opponents this season - West Springfield and Wilshire AA.

In the first game of the season against Wilshire, Agawam trailed, 8-7 going into the bottom of the fifth before coming up with six big runs, pulling out a 13-8 victory.

Key players in the game were Linda Porowski, Chris Desilets, and Tracy Sitek, who accounted for seven of the team's runs.

Jeanine Mouret pitched well, going the full seven innings, earning the first victory of the season for the Agawam girls.

Probably the most exciting win (14-13) came against a powerful West Springfield team. Trailing 7-2 early in the game, and 13-11 later in the fifth, Agawam came back to tie the score in the bottom of the inning with Jennifer Scaggs and Stephanie Milliken scoring for Agawam.

Then, after holding West Side scoreless, Agawam got the victory in the bottom of the sixth on a dramatic single by Traci Trudel, scoring Cathy Scaggs from third base.

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One of the best pitching performances of the season was turned in by Sue LaFleur against East Longmeadow. Sue had excellent control (only one walk) and held East Longmeadow to one run. Other team members who have made important contributions are Kelly Erskine, Laura Kryzkowski, Jennifer Crane, and Maria Valego.

The strength of this year's team is speed, pitching, and flexibility - most of the girls are capable of playing several positions.

The Agawam AA suburban girls' softball team is coached by Walt Porowski and assisted by Steve Crane.

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In all fairness, those that have never attended a demo should know the following; the event is based on violence and destruction in a controlled area.

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Don't miss the excitement for the third demolition derby of 1985, Sunday, July 21st. Gates in the stadium will open at 5:00 p.m. with racing in the demo beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Come early because these events are usually a sellout. With this event consisting of 200 cars, it has to be the biggest and best demo ever in the history of Riverside.

## S.H.A.A. Boys 14-16 Final Standings

	WINS	LOSSES	GB
Collins Construction	14	4	-
Agawam Lions Club	10	7	3½
Agawam Opticians	8	9	5½
Donlita Corp.	2	14	11

### S.H.A.A. League Leaders

Eric Earley (Collins Construction) captured the S.H.A.A. batting crown with an impressive .538 batting average. Close behind were Chris Wood batting .511 (Collins Construction), and Todd Brown with .500 (Agawam Lions Club).

This year's homerun king was Frank Buoniconti (Agawam Opticians) with six, followed by Eric Earley (Collins Construction) with five, and Jim Vergnani and Todd Brown (Agawam Lions Club), Chris Wood (Collins Construction), and Kevin McCormick (Donlita) with four each.

The RBI leader was Frank Buoniconti with 24, Eric Earley had 22, Chris Wood 18, and Scott Bracci (Agawam Opticians) had 17.



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## Collins Const. Wins S.H.A.A. Boys' 14-16

Collins Construction finished the 1985 season with an impressive 14-4 record to take the Sacred Heart senior division regular season championship, thanks to the personal dedication and leadership of manager John Dorval and coach Paul Cavallo.

Playing for the championship team were Chris Wood, Eric Earley, Marc Earley, Tom Mesick, Rich Mesick, Peter Borey, Jimmy Menard, David Ziegert, Eric Brumley, Scott Cavallo, Michael Dorval, Eric Burnette, and Robert Morin.

Wood, the Earley brothers, and the Mesicks are seniors in the league and are playing their last season at S.H.A.A. Chris Wood and Eric Earley were among the league leaders in hitting, homeruns and RBI's.

The 14-16 division will begin the league playoffs with Collins Construction taking a bye as second place Agawam Lions Club faces third place Agawam Opticians in a two out of three series. The winner will play a series against Collins for the league championship.

Playing for the Lions Club are Jim Vergnani, Todd Brown, Tim Tlusty, Peter Shannon, Jay Martineau, Mitch Moraczewski, Danny Felix, Joe Kosinski, John Regish, Donald Gibson, Tim Burns, Jeff Chapdelaine, and Robert Campbell. Kent Bodurtha manages the team and John Burns and Leo Vergnani are the coaches.

The Agawam Opticians roster is made up of Frank Buoniconti, Jason Osborne, Scott Bracci, Dana Delsky, Michael Smith, Scott Mazza, Paul Karam, Gino Vignano, Chris Paskey, Billy Moccio, Kevin Camyre, Sean Grealis, and Stephen Sylvia. Paul Delsky is the team manager and Richard Karam is the team coach.

## BEST HOMETOWN SPORTS

## Da Vinci's Restaurant Takes SHAA Title

DaVinci's Restaurant won three straight games to win the championship of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's girls' 14-17 softball league.

The first game was played between Lloyd Construction and DaVinci's. It was a well-played game with good pitching on both sides.

Lloyd was coached by Mel Gray and Pete Goucher, with their top pitcher, Tina Book. DaVinci's was coached by Jeff Jochum and Ken Peck, and their two ace pitchers were Michelle Montesi and Cindy Jochum.

The final two-out-of-three series was between division winner Rockwell and DaVinci's. Rockwell was coached by Tim Robinson and Harry Wesley. Rockwell had a superb year and won on pitching and speed. The first game was won by DaVinci's with Cindy Jochum pitching five strong innings. Solid defense also highlighted the win with outstanding plays by Alicia Corsco and Shelly Morris.

DaVinci's is a young team that only got better as the season progressed.

Congratulations go to the first year coach Jeff Jochum, who came up from the younger league and did a fine job. Jeff says he's ready to defend his title next year.

The second game was a cliffhanger, with the score tied 3-3 after four innings. Michelle Montesi was on the mound for DaVinci's, pitching six solid innings to get the win.

Jochum says a baseball team must be strong up the middle to win a championship and DaVinci's had it with Darla Catlin, catcher; Michelle Montesi, pitcher; and Alicia Corsco, centerfield.

Congratulations again to Jeff Jochum, his staff, and a super year from his team.

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# Where Are They Now???

## "Handsome" O'Keefe Had Hey-Day For AHS In Early 1950's

by Judith Kelliher

Advertiser News Sports Editor

As an eighth grader in 1951, Jim O'Keefe of Suffield Street was the youngest player for the Agawam High School baseball team.

That proved the beginning of an outstanding schoolboy baseball career for O'Keefe, who graduated in 1954. He also excelled in football and basketball as he went on to earn five varsity letters in baseball, and 11 letters in all.

O'Keefe even was picked as "the most handsome male" in the senior class of 1954, furthering his fame and fortune in the school's hallowed halls.

### Best Memories In Baseball

As a three-sports athlete, O'Keefe had many outstanding performances on the gridiron, hardwood, and diamond. But, his finest memories are of schoolboy baseball.

"I liked playing all three sports, but baseball was my first love. The best thing was that I had fun," said O'Keefe at his home the other day. "We won a few games here and there, but most of all, you could enjoy yourself," the 87 Suffield Street resident said.

His forte was hitting. A devoted fan of Boston Red Sox great Ted Williams, O'Keefe patterned his hitting after him, following Williams' "How To Be A Successful Hitter" instructions.

He produced some impressive statistics swinging the lumber and was captain of the team his senior year.

His best offensive performances came during his sophomore and seniors years. Batting in the clean-up position, O'Keefe continually hit in the ".300 Club."

He won the Western Mass. high school batting championship in 1954, slugging .492. The sweet-talking first baseman went hitless in only two of 20 times, had 31 hits in 63 at-bats, and lead the league in most runs scored (21) and most hits (31).

O'Keefe played first base his senior year, but had his share of the pitching and outfield duties the previous four seasons.

"I did a lot of pitching and playing in the outfield. When there was no one to play first base, I said I'd do it. I enjoyed that position very much," he noted.

Also furthering his love for the game was the guidance of baseball coach Charles "Chick" Kistner, the now retired principal of Agawam Middle School.

"Of all the coaches I had, I admired Chick the most," O'Keefe said of Kistner. "He was a great person who really made playing fun." Kistner also mentored the Brownies in basketball at that time.

O'Keefe's best individual performance on the diamond came in 1954 in a 12-inning marathon vs. South Hadley (they strictly played only seven innings back then for all games).

Agawam escaped with a 6-5 victory thanks to some clutch hitting from O'Keefe's bat. He crunched a two-run triple in the seventh to tie the game. In the 12th frame, he clocked his second three-bagger, scoring the game-winner.

While little attention was focused on the baseball program by townspeople or the student body back in the 1950's, the football program at Agawam High, under the tutelage of Harmon Smith, received the lion's share of attention.

In O'Keefe's four years at AHS, the Brownies continued four decades of magnificence under Smith, including the now legendary "Peanut Bowl Championship" of 1952. Here, the underdog Brownies shocked the undefeated Georgia state champions, Richmond Academy, 20-12 on New Year's Day.

### One Of Four Sophomores To Attend

"I was one of only four sophomores that went to the Peanut Bowl," remembered O'Keefe. "Even though I didn't play, it was a great honor just to be there. It was also made special because we weren't supposed to win it."

O'Keefe quarterbacked the Brownies his senior year to an impressive 7-1 record. In a bitter defeat, unbeaten Chicopee put an end to Agawam's spectacular season with a crushing victory over the orange and brown before an estimated 12,000 fans at the old Agawam Center field.

"The game was built-up greatly because both teams went into it undefeated. Chicopee really hammered us that day and it was an awfully disappointing way to end the season," he recalled.

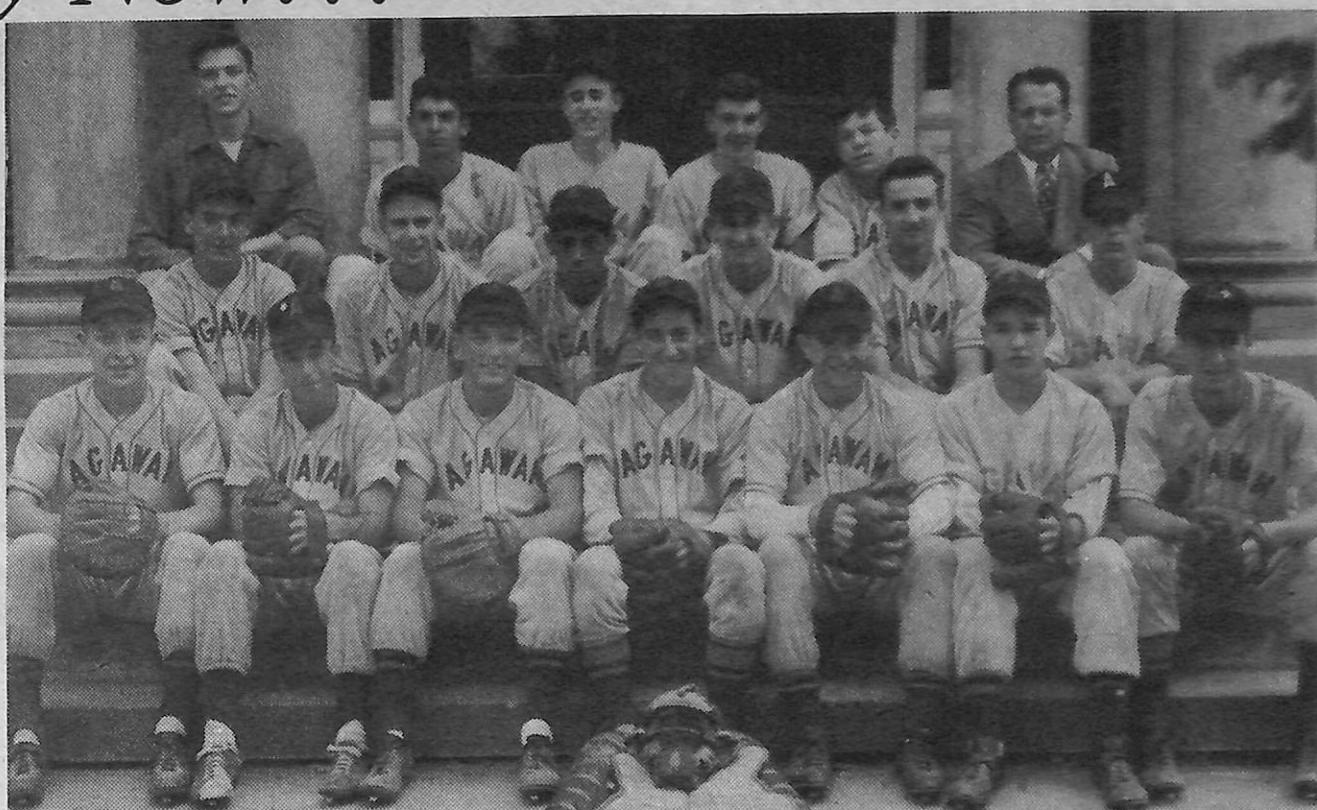
His best personal performance on the gridiron was in his last season vs. Turners Falls. He intercepted three passes and scored two touchdowns.

O'Keefe's final year at AHS also happened to be the end of the Harmon Smith Era. O'Keefe fondly remembered the coach who today is a legend in schoolboy football in this state.

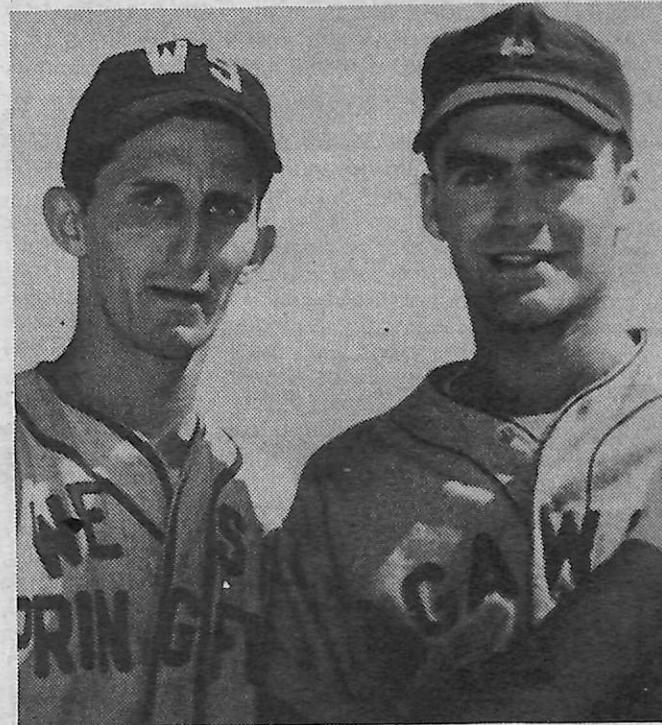
"Harm was a great man. Everything that people said about him was true. I can remember reading about him years before I got to high school and thinking that I'd love to play for him," noted O'Keefe.

After high school, O'Keefe spent one year at American International College in Springfield and Monson Academy for another year, but then decided to enter the work force.

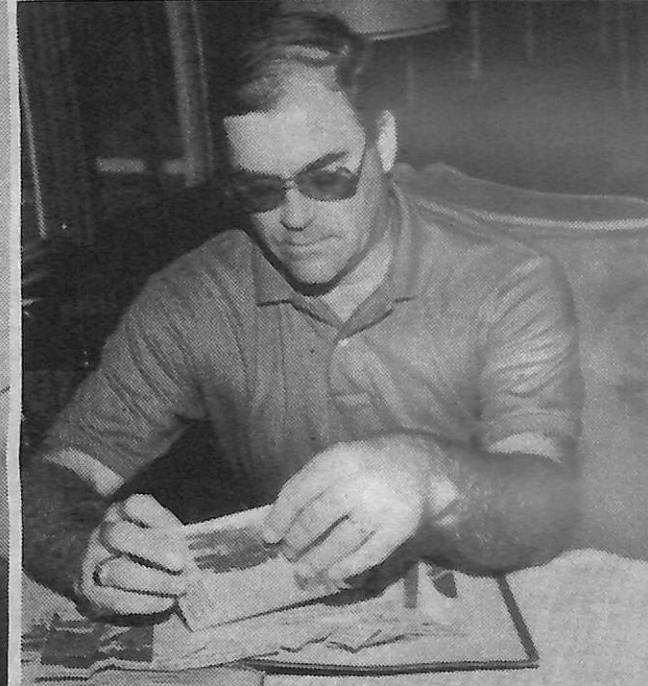
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**AGAWAM HIGH BASEBALL IN 1950:** Back row, from left - Gene Krig, Norm Marieb, Ned Bright, Bob Couture, Bob Slatte, and Coach Freme. Middle row - Ames Slatte, Jud Hastings, Pete Shibley, Bill Gonet, Lou Fasoli, and Dave Kunasek. Front row - Bob Hall, Jack Kunasek, Don Rheault, Bob Faye, Al St. Peter, Mike DiLullo, and Jim O'Keefe.



**JIM O'KEEFE** pictured with a West Springfield rival following the completion of a ballgame.



**LOOKING THROUGH HIS SCRAPBOOK** at his Suffield Street home is "Handsome" Jim O'Keefe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Little League All-Stars Compete In District Baseball Tourney

**July 10th: Agawam 7-Easthampton 12:** The Agawam Little League All Stars went down in defeat in their first play-off game to Easthampton, 12-7 at Easthampton.

Easthampton jumped out to an early lead in the first inning by scoring two runs. The All Stars rallied back in the bottom of the second inning, scoring three runs, when Jason Chechile, Joe Valego, and Mike Sibilia cracked three straight singles.

Agawam added another run in the third inning when Tim St. John smashed a double and then scored on Jason Chechile's second hit of the night.

Easthampton drew a little closer in the fourth inning when their second baseman smashed a homerun over the leftfield fence.

Agawam still held the lead going into the fifth inning, 4-3, but that's when the tide began to turn. Mike Borey, who pitched a strong four innings, ran into trouble when Easthampton's catcher drove a three-run homer over the leftfield fence. Rick Henry came in relief with the bases loaded and one out. He retired the side, allowing only one additional run.

The Agawam All Stars fought back in the bottom of the fifth to within one run. Dan Trolio and Matt McLean both blasted doubles, and Jason Chechile came across with his third hit in as many times to the plate.

That was the closest Agawam could come, though, when Easthampton widened their lead, scoring four more runs in the top of the sixth inning.

**July 11th: Agawam 9-Southampton 1:** The Agawam All Stars defeated Southampton by a convincing 9-1 margin at the Agawam Little League Field on Thursday night, July 11th.

Agawam's victory eliminated Southampton from the Little League double elimination tournament, allowing Agawam to advance to the next round Friday night, July 12th, against Northampton West. Agawam's record now stands at 1-1.

Agawam jumped on Southampton in the first inning, plating three runs. John Battista and Mike Pellegrino (Agawam's "Road Runners") led off with consecutive bunt singles.

Following a wild pitch, Tim St. John plated one run with a fielder's choice grounder. Matt McLean delivered two runs with a strong double to right centerfield.

Agawam tallied three more times in the second inning when Dan Trolio and Mike Sibilia led off with back to back singles (Mike's first of three hits, including a double).

A.J. Berthiaume hit a high fly to left center, which was misplayed, allowing Dan Trolio to score from second base. Following a walk, which loaded the bases, Mike Pellegrino again laid down a perfect bunt, plating Agawam's second run of the inning. A base hit by Mike Borey plated the final run of the inning.

Over the next three innings, from the third to the fifth, only one run was scored by Southampton (in the fifth). Tim St. John pitched one hit ball for 4 1/3 innings for Agawam, while allowing no runs. Tim, however, issued eight walks. Only Agawam's strong defense prevented Southampton from scoring during this stretch.

The highlight was a pitcher, (Tim St. John), to catcher (Matt McLean), to third base (Dan Trolio) double play with the bases loaded to get Agawam out of a second inning jam. Defensive standouts included John Battista and Mike Sibilia, who turned in several big plays in the infield every time Southampton mounted a threat.

Agawam closed out the scoring with three runs in their half of the sixth inning. John Battista led off with a single and stole both second and third base. Scott Mertz followed with a walk and continued running until he reached second base safely.

Mike Borey doubled to right center, plating his second and third RBIs of the game. On the throw to the plate, Mike continued to third and then stole home when an unsuspecting Southampton pitcher turned his back to the runner on third.

Due to a tournament rule which required St. John to be removed following four trips to the mound by Agawam coaches, Dan Trolio was inserted into the game after not having pitched in the last two and a half weeks.

Dan gave Agawam the boost they needed by allowing only one run over the final inning and two-thirds.

**July 12th: Agawam 4-Northampton West 3:** Facing elimination from the Little League Tournament, Agawam scored a dramatic, come-from-behind victory over Northampton West on Friday night. The victory

**O'KEEFE** - From Page 36...

He worked in management for Pepi Cola Company from 1956 to 1961. He then worked as a distributor for 7-Up for 16 years before switching to a sales position for Frito-Lay where he has remained ever since.

O'Keefe continues to keep active, playing softball in the Agawam Men's Over-40 League, which plays every Sunday during the summer months.

He, along with Ed Borgatti, helped to organize the first slo-pitch softball league in the area in 1958.

He resides with his wife, Cathy, a librarian at the Agawam High School, and two college-age daughters.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM:** Back row, from left - John Pellegrino, coach; Jason Chechile, Mike Borey, Dan Fugiel, Ray Battista, assistant coach; and Mr. Bizzo, assistant coach. Middle row - A.J. Berthiaume, Rick Henry, Eric Plyler, Matt McClean, Dan Trolio, and Tim St. John. Front row - Scott Mertz, Mike Sibilia, Mike Pellegrino, John Battista, and Joe Valego. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

improved Agawam's record to 2-1.

Agawam tallied four runs in their half of the sixth and final inning to edge Northampton West 4-3, eliminating them from further tournament play.

Northampton West scored three runs in the bottom of the third and appeared to be on their way to victory, holding Agawam to one hit and no runs through the first five innings. Agawam was not to be denied, however.

Mike Pellegrino led off the sixth inning by working the Northampton West pitcher for a base on balls. Mike Borey followed with his second double of the game, advancing Pellegrino to third. Tim St. John then hit a single up the middle plating Pellegrino with Agawam's first run.

Jason Chechile, who hurled all six innings, continued the hot hitting by connecting for Agawam's third consecutive hit; plating Mike Borey with the second run and sending St. John to third base. An alert St. John scored the tying run following a diving catch of a foul ball by Northampton West's hustling first baseman.

Prior to the fly out, Chechile moved to second by way of a stolen base. Matt McLean then launched a vicious

line drive to centerfield, which was caught, for the second out. With the score tied at 3-3, and two outs, A.J. Berthiaume ran the count to 3-2 before lining his game winning RBI down the leftfield line.

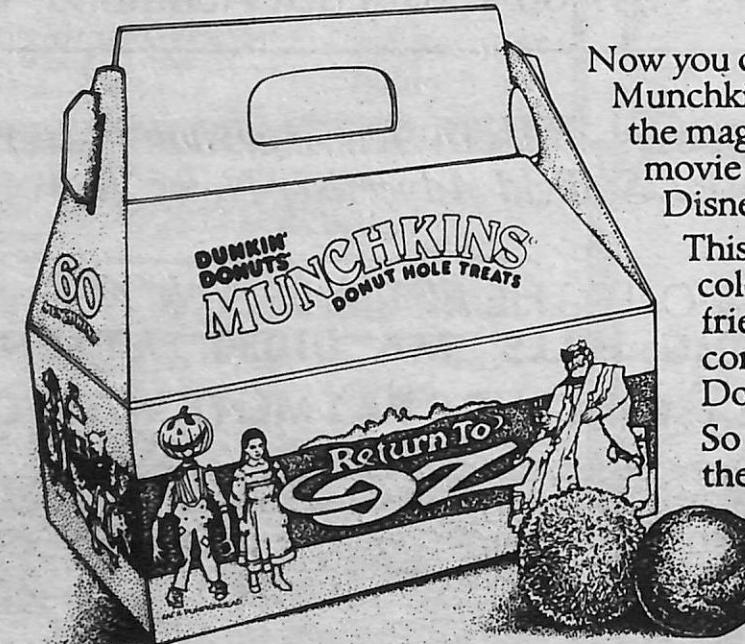
Northampton West threatened in the bottom of the sixth by putting runners on first and second with one out, and loading the bases with two outs. As it had done all night, Agawam's defense came through as John Battista settled under a high fly ball in rightfield and secured Agawam's comeback victory.

Defense played a major role in Agawam's ability to hold their opponent to three, third inning runs. Defensive standouts for Agawam included Tim St. John at shortstop and Matt McLean behind the plate.

Matt displayed his strong arm and quick release when he picked a Northampton runner off first base in the second inning, and gunned down another runner attempting to steal third base in the fourth inning.

Jason Chechile pitched his first complete game of the year in this route-going performance. Though a little wild at times, Jason remained determined and hung tough while not allowing Northampton West to put Agawam away before their sixth inning comeback.

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